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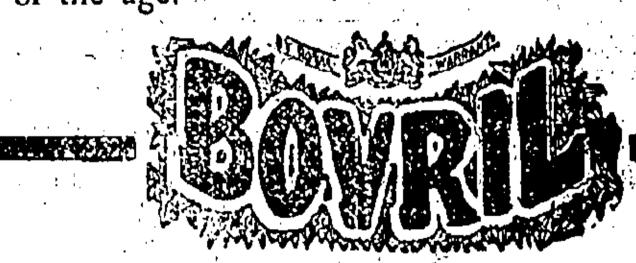
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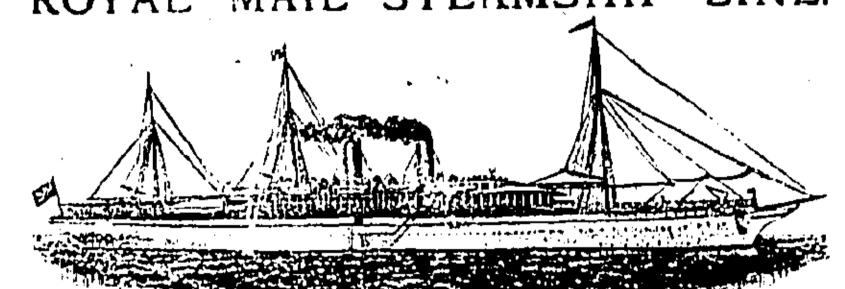
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Following are further details of yesterday 5 acing received after we had gone to press last evening :-

The Boys' Race saw half-a-dozen, youngsters from the Diocesan School venture, the crews being distinguished as the "Powerful" and district officer engaged in the European length for a time. They pulled, however, much shorter than their rivals who covered the course without apparently any exertion or anxiety, getting the better of a sliff race by half a length. Time 7 min. 50 secs.

BOYS' RACE.—(Open to all schools in th Colony). Distance, half-mile. Each school to be represented by one crew only. Age, 15 and under. Entrance free. To be rowed in boats the property of the Victoria Recrea tion Club.

bow; H. Brandt, stroke; S. Jex, cox. Powerful (Diocesan School)-J. Young

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Loureiro, 2; C. J. Cooke, 3; H. A. Seth stroke; R. C. Witchell, cox. Rose-U. R. Chunnutt, bow; J. M. Roza Pereira, 2; J. C. Remedios, 3; W. G. Goggin,

Shamrock-II. M. Bain, bow; F. F. Eca da Silva, 2; J. J. Watson, 3; G. B. Macdonald, stroke; J. P. Jordan, cox.

stroke; E. Herbst, cox.

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To be rowed in boats the property of the competing club or unit, Hongkong-J. Witchell, bow; W. O. Kochler, stroke, Siebs, cox.

Canton Rowing Club-R. Leslie, bow; W. Imhoof, W. Purnell, cox. Canton

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JAPANESE SPIES IN RUSSIA.

REPORTED CAPTURE OF TWO NAVAL OFFICERS.

A despatch from 8t, Petersburg, to the Manchurian Army Daily News says ;-. On September 19th in St. Petersburg, two

Japanese naval officers were arrested, charged

with espionage. Both had resided in this city under the guise of modest, shopmen in a tea store. One of them, called Saratori, up to the beginning of the war had served as merchant's clerk in the warehouse of Messrs. Vasilieff, Dementjeff and Co. (Nevsky Prospect); and being discharged immediately after the villainous Japanese attack upon the Russian fleet, he expressed a desire remain for ever in Russia and to embrace Orthodoxy, under the pretence of his affection for a Russian girl and his intention to marry her. The change of his religion and the marriage were as a matter fact carried out. Saratori received at the baptismal font the name of Constantine, and at the end of April was living with his wife in a boarding-house in No. 13, Italian Road. short time after this they were joined by another Japanese from Tokyo, called Tokki Mamatzu, a Buddhist, according to his passport, who also pretended to be an ex-clerk thrown out of his situation owing to the war. Saratori and Mamatzu lived in one room, for which they paid about 60 roubles; they lived in easy circumstances and were well, supplied with money. From the beginning of the war a watch on both was instituted and despite the great prudence of Saratori and Mamatsu this surveillance brought them to arrest. On sudden swoop being made, they were found in their room along with several documents, which proved their criminal intent and their real

THE RUSSIAN PEASANTRY. A SORDID PICTURE.

(From the Globe's St. Petersburg Correspondent.)

An official report drawn up recently by a

"Terrible" respectively. The first-named with Government of Veronezh gives a truly heart-II. E. Edwards, a promising stroke, won easily rending account of the woe-begone existence More said that sin was generally to be attriby a length. A steam launch was literally led by the moujiks in that large Government, buted to billiousness. No doubt a crippled packed by the schoolmates of the contestants which of the fifty Governments of European liver with the resulting impure blood, is the who followed the race, and cheered with might Russia, stands thirteenth on the list as regards cause of more mental gloom than any other and main. Kornblume admirably captained by density of population, with 109 persons to the single thing. And who can reckon up the 11. A. Seth, accounted for the Chinese Cup, square mile. The medical officer's report fearful aggregate of pain, loss and fear after a strong up-hill fight with Rose. The deals mainly with two large villages, which wrising from the many allments and diseases final race, the Interport Pair Oars, saw Can- are inhabited by about 1,200 Great Russians. which are familiar to mankind; like a vast ton snatch their second victory. The Hong- Although each of these villages has had its cloud it hangs over a multitude no one kong boat was the first away, and led by a school for twenty years, yet in one village the can rumber. You can see these people every. men who can read amount to 33 per cent, and where. For them life can scarcely be said to the women only to 3 per cent, while in the have any "bright side " at all. "ence the other these figures are 16 per cent. and o per cent, respectively. In the wide-stretching, treeless Steppe the moujiks live in huts made of brick or wood; the floors of these huts are of trodden clay, and a huge stove takes up about one-fifth of the living room, with the result that each inmate, on an average has only from 27 to 50 cubic feet of air, which is from six to three times less than the quantity required by the laws of health, In some huts the cubic space per head was Terrible (Diocesan School)—L. Clement, only 20% feet. Moreover, calves, sheep, pigs, bow; 'i. Brandt, stroke; S. Jex, cox. and hens are housed together with the people in the living room, which witnesses even the calving of the cow. Naturally enough, the interior of these huts presents a sorry sight. The walls are bare, and the furniture consists of plank beds, stools, tables, and shelve, all roughly put together, while the hou chold utensils | emaciating complaints and disorders, that tend are of paltry make. A few garments and outdoor tools complete the picture. The table serves alike for taking meals and for all kinds of household works; it is scarcely ever covered by a cloth, for only very few families possess one. The people sleep on the plank beds and Woman's Hospital-Professor University of on the stove, and out of 158 huts only two Bishops College, Canada, says: "I have much owned beds. Straw is used both for bedding and for covering. Only 60 per cent. of all the families possessed pillows, and in these cases pillows were not used by all the family, while only of per cent. of huts boast of being able to use quilts or counterpanes. At nightfall straw is laid down for the animals living with their owners. Such breathing air as is possible under these conditions is destroyed by the dust given off by the straw and by the making of hemp. When the hemp is tewed there is raised such a dust that objects cannot be made out across the room, ev n on the brightest day. Thordust thus raised is so caustic that people whose breathing organs are not perfectly sound

are obliged to leave the hut. The chief food of the moujiks is rye bread potatoes and millets. Meat, milk, cabbages and vegetables are eaten only in extremely small quantities. Of fatty foods 55 per cen under the normal amount is consumed. Th poorer villagers consume 62.29 grammes c vegetable albumen, 13 37 grammes of fatt foods and 380 grammes of proteids. It is in conceivable how men can exist on a consumption of 13.37 grammes of fatty matter, when the smallest amount that ought to be eaten varies between 40 grammes and 50 grammes. The medical officer ascribes this "living hunger 'to Excellency the Governor. Entrance Fee \$5. the existing scarcity of land, for every three to four persons the available supply of rye varied from 150 hs. to 540 hs. and of millet from 108 hs. to 360 hs., which is below that available in other districts. Thus, even in times of good harvest, adequate nourishment is out of the question. Nevertheless, the owners and tillers of the land have to make up the taxes, which, with the arrears, amounted on an average to £2 62. 9d. per house. In indirect taxes the two villages paid £79 on vodka, £5 65. 3d. on tobacco, £10-128 od en petroleum, and £5 168.10d.
on tea and sugar, that is, a yearly total of about
£100. The pittable state of allega life in Russia may be judged only too well from a comparison of the indirect tax paid on vodka, that is, brandy made from rye, and of the indirect

taxes paid on tea and sugar. The mouliks are compelled to occupy land, on which there are arrears of debt, and also to follow certain occupations. Thus, unless there was this form of compulsory work, the country surgeon is of opinion that the mouliks would certainly die of hunger, and he holds out no hopes of being able to "civilize" the mouliks to any great degree, for he regards them as being really very little removed from the stage of civilization attained by savage races. In all these circumstances it can be understood easily that the rate of mortality is very high. The average rate of mortality throughout the whole of Rus in 1902 was 34 8 per 1,000 in the villages in question the rate was \$3.71 per 1,000. The deaths occur chiefly among the children. While in the whole of Russia the death rate among children under one year of age was 271 per 1,000, it was 330 per 1,000 in these two villages, and 546 children between one and five years of age died in them. From these figures it will be seen that the villages are destined to vanish under such a high rate of mortality.

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for confirmation as Special Resolutions:-1. That the Capital of the Company be increased from \$1,000,000 (divided into 103,000 shares of \$10 each) to \$1,500,000 (divided into 150,000 shares of \$10 each) by the creation of 50,000 new shares of \$10 each to be offered and if accepted to be alletted to the persons constituting the shareholders of the Company according to the Company's Register of Shareholders on the 28th day of February, 1905, at a premium of \$10 for each and every single share of such 50,000 new shares in the ratio and proportion of one new share for every two old shares in the Company held by the respective. Shareholders thereof; the amount payable on each of such new shares respectively (including the said premium of \$10 per share) to be paid as to of March, 1905, and as to the remainder thereof (including the balance of the said premium) on the 30th June, 1905.

And that failing such allotment as aforesaid the said new shares be disposed of by the General Managers in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association. And that for the purpose of facilitating the carrying into effect of the above Reso. lution the Transfer and other Books of the Company be closed for the space of seven days as on and from the 1st day of March,

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E. S. JOSEPH. Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, and December, 1904 [1297

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Hongkong, 10th December, 1904.

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Che Pougkong Gelegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1904

FIGURES AND REFLECTIONS.

According to the British Consular report on the trade of the district of Kobe for the year 1903, the port is steadily going ahead, there being an increase of more than 13 per cent, on the amount collected in 1902. The total trade of the Consular district amounted to £28,578,608,including imports £, 17,460,384; and exports £11,118,224, but more notably ! British shipping, to the extent of close on 109,000 tons, or about 20 per cent. of the total increase, Japanese shipping, 184,000

tons, or 34 per cent., and the United States shipping about 143,000 tons, or 27 per cent. While British shipping shows this satisfactory and steady advance, and is a long way ahead of all other nationalities, Germany has remained almost stationary; the United States, on the other hand, owing to the large tonnage of the steamers now employed in the trans-Pacific carrying trade, shows a big increase, the largest amount of trade done in any year since the opening of the ports in 1868, As regards imports, the principal items which show an increase are rice, flour, and sugar, while the import of raw cotton shows a considerable falling off. The export of cotton yarn showed an increase of £1,077,446 over A. S. WATSON & Co, last year's figures. The import of cotton yarn again shows a big decrease, due to the increased growth of the Japanese industry, which is gradually but surely ousting Lancashire coarse counts from the market. the woollen manufactures, which came chiefly from the United Kingdom, cloth and serges show a slight increase, while the import of cloth, part wool, and Italian cloth has [35] considerably declined. The general tend ency in woollen and worste : cloths, seems to be pointing to a complete change in the requirements of the market. The manufac- about or her fate, the Naval Commander-inture of flannels in Osaka has greatly improved, and the importation has therefore despatched the Rosario with instructions to prodecreased considerably. Woollen blankets are being produced very satisfactorily, ikewise a kind of army cloth, which promises to be a severe competitor of the imported article. The return of shipping entered at ed on Thursday, flying signals of distress the port of Kobe during 1903 gives an increase over 1902 of 252 vessels and 536,000

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

tons, and in this increase all nationalities

appear to have participated.

H.MS. Glory has returned from practice.

THE Portuguese cruiser Vasco da Gama arrived from Shanghai early this afternoon,

LIEUT, William Nicholson, of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps, has had his leave extended to the 31st January next.

THE installation and banquet in connection with Lodge St. John, No. 618 S.C. will take place at the Masonic Hall on Monday next.

An extract of meteorological observations made at the Hongkong Observatory during November is printed in the Government Gazetie.

THE fees (payable monthly) at Queen's College will be increased from the 1st February next, as follows:-Classes I to III, \$42 per annum, Classes IV to VIII, \$24 per annum.

ATTENTION is directed to a forthcoming mis sionary meeting to be held in connection with the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society, a notice of which appears elsewhere in this issue.

A MEETING of the Justices of the Peace will be held on 20th inst. for the purpose of considering an application from Frederick Edward Oram to sell and retail intoxicating liquors at the Praya East Hotel.

In connection with the Roman Catholic festival this week the illumination of the Companille at "Glenealy" will be repeated on the following evenings:--Saturday, from 5.45 p.m till 10.45 p.m.; Sunday, from 5.45 p.m till 11.0 p.m., (and general illumination), and on Monday, from 5.30 p.m till 10,30 p.m.

THE Wine Growers Supply Association have adopted a very effective method of bringing their wines, beers and spirits to the notice of the public. A book of cheques for Christmas, New Year, birthdays and other days, has reached us from Messrs. Barretto & Co., the local agents, and should ensure a large number of orders for the coming festive season being turned in at Bank Buildings.

THE s.s. Cranley now due from Durban will leave in a few days for Chefop for her complement of coolies.

MESSRS: David Sassoon & Co; Ltd., as agents for the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Co. Society send us a wall calendar for 1905. The local agents of the Alliance Assurance Co., Ltd. (Messrs. 1 odwell & Co.), have issued a blotter and almanack.

H. R. H. PRINCE Hasson s evidently desirous of evading public recognition as, at the last moment, we understand he chartered a launch to take him to Macao instead of going by the Reungshan. He will proceed from there for a trip up the West River.

H.E. The Governor, Fir Matthew Nathan, KCM G, accompanied by Captain E. Smith, A D.C., and Hon. 1. B rues-Lawrence, paid visits of inspection yesterday to the Harbour Office, and subsequently to the Sailors' Home. Later H. E. went over to watch the Regatta.

MEMBERS of the R. A. O. B. had another enjoyable dance at their club rooms last evening, when between 60 and 70 couples whiled away a few pleasant hours. Senior Knight, J. H Oxberry and Primo Hyett were the M. Co's. and Mr. G. Sheffield supplied the music. The Valete dance, which is now so much in vogue at home, was one of the features of the pro-

PROGRAMME of music to be performed by the band of the 93rd Burma Infantry on the New Parade Ground on Monday next, from 4 to 5.30 p.m.;--

March "The Uhlans Call" Ellenberg. Overture "Haydo "......Auber. Selection "The Toreador" Monckton, Selection "Pepita" Lecocy. Valtz...... "April Morn" Batten. God Save The King.

WRECKED ON BOMBAY SHOAL

CARDIFF COLLIER ABANDONED.

Much has recently been heard of the perils of the southern part of the China Sea by reason of the stranding of several steamers on Bomb ay Reef, a dangerous ridge of coral forming part of the treacherous Paracels. It was not long since that we had to record the loss of the Baron Gordon, and then came the stranding of the Agincourt, the last named, however, being successfully refloated and brought to Hongkong for repairs. And now comes the news of another loss, close alongside of the abandoned Baron Gordon. When the British sloop Resario arrived in port yesterday she had aboard Capt. Broply, the officers and engineers, and crew of the steamer Shrewsbury, which ran on to the Bombay Reef three weeks ago, and is now exposed to heavy seas which are rapidly breaking her up. It appears that the ship, which, by the way, is not a Naval collier, as stated by a morning contemporary, was on a voyage from Cardiff, which she lest at the end of October, with a cargo of coal consigned to the Admiralty. On Wednesday last, there being no sign of her putting into port, and no news being brought in by any incoming steamers as to her where Chief, Admiral Sir Gerard Noel, K. C. B. ceed South and look out for the missing steamer, Accordingly the sloop left on her quest, and suspecting the Bombay Reef was responsible for her delay, a course was set in that direction, with the result that the Shrewsbury was sightfrom the reef. The Rosario bore down upon her, and a boat was sent off to the stranded vessel, when it was learned from Captain Broply had been there since the 18th ulto., and though he had signalled to passing steamers, the signals were either not observed, or disregarded. The vessel had a fine voyage as far as Singapore, but from there she met heavy monsoon weather, and about midnight on the 18th was carried, apparently by a strong current, on to the Reef, not a mile from the ill-fated Baron Gordon.

The Shrewsbury lies down by the bows with her stern up, and from her position, no hope is entertained of saving her, and, after taking the crew on board the Rosario, the Shrewsbury was abandoned. The crew consisted of seven officers and engineers and 42 lasenrs. As soon as the vessel struck, it is alleged, the lascars would do nothing, but wrapped themselves up in the blankets, and "waited for day," after the manner of lascars! As she lies she apparently has several holes in her bottom as she was making water rapidly, and it was not expected to be long before she broke up. Everything moveable that was worth saving was removed and brought up in the Rosasio. It is understood that the officers of the doomed vessel will be sent home, the lascars being despatched to Calcutta.

The s.s. Shrewsbury is a steel built vessel of 3,223 tons gross, and is 329.7 feet long, 45.5 broad, and 16.1 in depth, and has a steel spar deck. She was built, in 1898, by Messrs, W. Hamilton and Co., of Port Glasgow, was engined by Messrs, D. Rowland and Son, Glasgow for her owners, The Friars Steamship Company, Ld, and was classed A.I. at Lloyds.

FIRE IN THE DOCKS.

OUTBREAK ON THE S.S. "INDRAVELLI,"

Shortly before twelve o'clock last night fire was discovered in the hold of the s s. Indrave.ll. which is now lying at the Hongkong, and Wh mpoa Docks at Kowloon, undergoing alterations to fit her for the South African coolie emigration run. The o igin of the outbreak has not so fur been discovered, nor the extent of the damage done, though that is not thought to be much, as she had practically nothing in her but the woodwork then being fitted up. The Fire Brigade, with Inspector Macdonald in charge, was soon on the spot, and volumes of smoke were seen issuing from the hatchway and on this the hose was brought to play, unt nine feet of water were pumped into the vessel, and the fire was got under shortly afterwards. In the operations Police Sergeant Counsell had a bad fall into the 'tween deck,'and was so' hurt as to necessitate his removal to the Government Civil Hospital, where, however, he is

progressing favourably.

VICTORIA REGATTA.

THIRD DAY.

The concluding day's sport was favoured with beautifully fine weather, though there was a stiff breeze blowing, and the water was anything but lakelike. The Kwang Tung served as the club's fligships, and there was an exceptionally large attendance on board. The Band of the nioth Mahratta Regiment was again is attendance and played pleas no selections of popular music throughout the afternoon.

The first race, the open Challenge Cup; brought out three crews-the pick of the Hongkong Boat Club, the Canton Rowing Club and the V. R. C. The start, was a good one. The Boat Club, on the left, took the lead shortly after the start with Canton in the centre, and the V. I. C. boat on the right. This lead they converted into a length, and maintained the same for quite a quarter of a mile, Cantan having at the time a similar advantage over the V. R. C. boat. So they raced for the next minute and a half, when the Conton men, rowing in the same confident style as marked their performances yesterday drew out, and overhauled the Boat Club at the end of the half mile. The visitors took the lead, the V. R. C. men being at least two lengths behind, but from this on the last named improved their position by a length or more, and from the moment the race became both of alleged embezzlement, as already recorded in exciting and interesting, though the visitors still held an appreciable lead, and were not overexerting themselves. The V. R. C. men put on a big spurt and at the Lvie J. Ray hulk overtook the Boat Club amid loud cheering. The race from here was one long struggle on the part of all three, but Canton held the contest well in hand, and won a splendid race by a length. The Boat Club crew had to be content with third honours.

The race open to Chinese members of the Water Police brought out the same boats and crews as yesterday, only this afternoon No. boat best No. 1 boat, making up for yesterday.

Only three crews came out for the menof-war gigs and whalers, two from the Furst Bismarck, and the crack team from the Liguria. The last named had only six oars to their opponents' eight, and in consequence had a time allowance of thirtysix seconds. This, however, was not in any way necessary, for they took the lead soon after the start, and never being even challenged won how they liked.

The Snake Boat race, each craft being manned by Chinese coolies, brought about an interesting finish between boats 5 and 6, the last named being adjudged a quarter of a length ahead, when the gun sounded.

The race for the Brokers' Cup turned out a fiasco. There were only two boats entered, and shortly after the start E. Humphreys, in the Powerful, broke an oar, which put him and his companions clear out of the race.

The Dragan Boat race, on the other hand, created great amusement. The boats started, each being manned by a crew of not less than fifty men-paddlers-with the usual addition of tom-tom artists and devil scarers. It proved a capital race all three being well up at the

After the race for the Ladies' Prize, The prizes were distributed to the successful competitors by Mrs. Villiers Hatton, the Ladies' Prize being presented by Miss Barnes.

CHALLENGE CUP.-Open. For four-oars. (Seniors). Distance one-mile, and a half. To be rowed in boats the property_of the competing club or unit.

Hongkong Boat Club:-Station No. 1:-(Bow) A. Tælcke. (2), C. G. Brueckner. (3), C. Kænig. (Stroke), W. O. Kæhler. (Cox), B. Siebs. Canton Rowing Club:-Station No. 2:

(Bow), H. Bollmann. (2), E. E. Andrus. (3), R. Leslie. (Stroke), W. Imhoof. (Cox), A. W. Purnell.

Victoria Recreation Club:-Station No. 3 ow), R. W. Pearson, (2), T. E. Peace, (3), ... A. Musso, (Stroke), J. Witchell, (Cox), G. 👫 Caldwell. 🕟

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HARROUR POLICE.-Open to the Chinese members of the Harbour Police. To be rowed in the service boats. Distance, onemile. First prize, \$10; and prize, \$4. Three boats to start for two prizes. Boat No. 4 I

n n l' 3 MEN-OF-WAR'S GIGS AND WHALERS .- Distance, one mile. Time allowance, 8 seconds per oar. Four boats must start for two prizes. First prize, \$15; 2nd prize \$5. (Post entries). Service oars and conditions. Liguria I

Furst Bismarck 2 SNAKE BOATS. -- Open to Chinese snake boats. D stance, one-mile. First prize, \$10; Second prize, \$5. Six boats to start for two prizes.

-Wing-Mau-Ch-n-:--Station-No-r-Tai Hing:-Station No. 3. Tem Kee: -Station No. 5. Hung Hop Chan: -Station No. 2. Po Kee:-Station No. 4. Yau Lee :- Station No. 6.

Tem Kee ... 2 BROKERS' CUP, LIGHT GIGS.—(Double sculls): Presented by the brokers of Hongkong. Open to members not rowing in the four-bared races. Distance, half-mile. To be rowed in boats the property of the Victoria Recreation

Powerful:-Station No. 1:-(bow), A. J.

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Mackie; (stroke), H. Lamont; (cox), J. Ciuickshank. or busy some point and it TERRIBLE :-- Station No. . 2 :- (bow), E. lumphreys: (stroke), S. A. Seth; (cox), J.

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DRAGON BOATS. - Open to Chinese dragon boats. Distance one-mile. Cash prizes.

Four boats to start for two prizes. LEUNG TSOI YAU:-Station No. 1 LAI HOL FU:-Station No. 2 KWOK MAN PO :-

Station No. 3. Kwok Man Po... Lai Hoi Fu LADIES' PRIZE.—Presented by lad es of Hongs kong. For four ours. Distance, one mile.

To be rowed in boats the property of the Victoria Recreation Club. Thistle: -Station No. 1:-(bow), R. W. Pearson (10st 5lbs); (2), T. E. Pearce (11st 1lb); (3) G. B. Macdonald (tost 6lbs); (stroke), L. A. Musso (10st 12lbs); (cox), G. A. Caldwell.

Rose:-Station No. 2:-(bow), A. Loureiro (11st 4lbs); (2), C. E. A. Hance (11st 7lbs); (3), H. C. Austen (- -); (stroke), J. Witchell (---); (cox), F. Lammert (11st 6lbs).

Thistle: -Station No. 3 -(Bow), A. J. V Ribeiro, (10st. 2lbs.); (2), N. H. Alves, (9st. 12lbs.); A. V. Barros, (10st. 2lbs.); (Stroke), A. E. Alves, (tist. solbs.); (Cox), C. M. S. Alves, (10st, olb.)

Ross ... 1 Thistie 2 EXIRADITION CASE. IMPORTANT DECISION.

The case which the man, Harrison Noble, was wanted in Manila on extradition on charg these columns, and which had been remanded, was called on before Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz a noon to-day, when His Worship gave the following judgment:-It is urged for the defence that no connection has been established between the United States of America, and the Philippine Islands. I consider that in the absence of rebutting evidence this is shown b the inscription "United States of America-Government of the Philippine Islands" on the seal on the request for extradition, addressed to the Governor of Hongkong by the Governor of the Philippine Islands. It is urged that there is no evidence as to the status of the Philippine Islands, and that as they were ceded by Spain as the result of conquest they must be taken to be an integral part of the territory of the United States of America, as a State of Territory. In that case demand for extradition should be made by the Federal Government, through a Minister of State or Consular Officer. Only in the case of colonies or dependencies can requisitions for extradition be by Governors. I hold that as there is no evidence that the Philippine Islands are an integral part of the United States of America either as a State or a Territory I must presume that the Governor of the I hilippine Islands has acted regularly and legally, and that therefore the Philippine Islands are either a colony o dependency of the United States of America. I hold that the depositions and the warrant, though not authenticated according to the provisions of the Extradition Act of 1870, are soaccording to section 23 of Evidence Ordinance of 1889. As to the charges, 1 and 2, larceny by a servant, at the date when these charges were laid the defendant was not the servant of Seligman, nor had the latter then any interest in the business. As to 3, and 4, the deposits were made with defendant personary: In is not embozzlement by English law. As to 4 and 5, larceny by a servant, there is nothing in the depositions to show that all the money taken, if any was taken, was not so taken before Seligman had an interest in the business or became the master of the defendant. The defendant is therefore discharged.

A BUILDING LOT.

Marine Lot No. 289, situate at Connaught Road, Shek Tong Tsui, and comprising 16,242 square feet, is to be put up for sale by public auction on the 27th inst, at an upset price of \$113,694. The property will be held subject to an annual Crown rent of \$198, and the purchaser will have to expend not less than \$25,000 in rateable improvements on it within twenty-four months of the date of sale.

REPORTED LOSS OF JAPAN-ESE BATTLESHIP.

In reply to a telegram to the Naval Department at Tokio the Kobe Herald was informed that there was no objection to the publication of the following Associated Press, cable, which appeared in the American papers of Nov.

in a position to-day to state positively that its ship Yashima had been sunk by a mine off "championship of China," providing a suitable Dalny, which despatches were denied by the purse is put up. McAuliffe expressed his Japanese authorities at the time, have finally willingness to meet Christie. been officially confirmed. The Japanese Government has notified foreign governments of the loss of the ship. The number of men who went down with the vessel is not known, formed in this city, says the Manila Times. but it is believed to have been small. The official details show that the Yashima struck a Russian mine and later attempted to make Dainy harbour, but this proved impossible and she sank in deep water. The Yashima was one of the finest battleships of the Japanese navy Her displacement was 12,300 tons, about the size of the American battleship Maine, and she had a speed of nineteen knots. She carried a heavy battery of four 12-11.ch., ten 6-inch and 24 other guns of smaller calibre;

THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. J. I. Plummer, Chief Assistant of the Hongkong Obser-

On the 10th at 11,55 a.m. The barometer has risen rapidly in Japan, and fallen generally in China and in the Philippines.

Gradients are very slight upon the China Coast and the monsoon is again interrupted upon the eastern coasts of China, where light variable winds will predominate. In the China Sea moderate NE monsoon will be continued. Forecast :- Moderate NE, winds, fine,

TELEGRAM. THE WAR.

PORT ARTHUR FLEET.

FURTHER DAMAGE...

Mr. M. Noma, Consul for Japan, hos kindly forwarded to us the following tele-

Toxio, 9th December, x.25 p.m. The Naval staff with the Port Arthur army on Thursday evening reported that the Pallada had taken fire and heeled to port with stern down.

Eleven shots also told on the Gilyak. The Buyan took fire at 11.30 a.m. and was blazing until 4.15 p.m,

The Commander of the Naval Artillety reports that the Amur was, on Thursday, hit around the stern by fourteen shots, and sank. Many shots greatly damaged the godowns and other buildings near Pehyushan and the

HARMSTON'S CIRCUS.

Arsenal.

Though this clever and entertaining troupe have now been with us close upon a month, they continue to find well deserved favour with the public. The programme has been judiciously varied, and divers supplementary attractions provided at intervals. This evening will witness the final performance, the company leaving for Manila by the Tean on Tuesday. Last night's programme opened with a Garland Entree by the ladies and Rentlemen of the Circus, which had an extremely picturesque effect. Miss Nelly Harmston-Love then gave a remarkably clever exposition of equitation, the inimitable Bugny Brothers adding a touch of humour to the "turn" by their drolleries. The wire act of Mile. Onra and Master Selig was a very attractive performance, the degree of proficiency to which this pair bave attained on the wire being considerably above the average. The Arab horse "Aden," under the direction of Mr. Welby Cooke, again went through his entertaining performance. The Cantons indulged in some amusing fooling with "conjuring," after which Welby Cooke gave his champion jockey act, a " turn " so realistic that it caused one sporting member of the audience to insistently proclaim his willingness to lay a "fiver on the field!" An acrobatic song and dance by Florrie and Wally Banvard, which. seemed a trifle out of place in a Circus, and the musical act of Gellino-whose "gags" are now becoming somewhat monotonous, although. his remarkable versatility on his novel musical instruments is clever in the extreme-led up to the concluding item of the first half of the programme-that of Capt. Linds with his three Nubian lions. The second part had been set aside for a boxing and gymnastic display. McAulisse opened with an exhibition of club swinging and ball-punching, after which an eight-round contest (two minute rounds) between Young Cohen and J. Marryatt (of the Dockyard Police) came on. Both these men have been seen together he for the extreme, so far as genuine boxing was concerned. Cohen seemed to take things in a more seri us spirit than Marryatt, who, beyond showing some occasional smart head-work, was never in the same street as his opponent. Time after time Cohen stopped his wild rushes and right arm swings with straight lefts, and was continually making effective play on Marryatt's upper gear throughout. It came as a great surprise when Mr. Welby Cooke, who acted as referee, announced that Marryatt had won on points. The next, and concluding, item was a ten-round contest between Jack McAuliffe and Bert Delaney. The least said of this the better. It was early apparent that McAuliffe was not out for business, and that Delancy was in no way his equal, Round after round went by without provoking aught but ironical cheers by the spectators. The farce reached its culminating point when, at the end of the eighth round, the referee announced the next as the final. This caused the timekeeper, Mr. Logan, to protest, but his objections were over-ruled, and rounds 9 and 10 became one. McAuliffe, turned to Mr. Logan and advised him to " put the money up and he would then show him something." Good evidence of what he was showing last might! The referee did not give any decision, and the result must therefore be Paris, Nov. 3.-The Associated Press was put accounted a draw. Before this bout commenced it was announced, that Ned Kennedy, despatches from Chefoo, Port Arthur and Tokio desired to challenge McAuliffe, on behalf of last June to the effect that the Japanese battle- Jim Christie, to meet him to contest the

> A GIGANTIC organization to control the inferisland shipping of these islands is now being It contemplates the formation of an association comprising practically all of the principal firms owning inter-island steamers and may result in the merchant coastwise trade being done under one flag.

SHIPPING AND MAILS.

MAILS DUR. French (Dumbe t) 1 1th inst. American (Dorle) rath inst. Indian (Arratoon Appar) 13th inst. American (Manchuria) 18th inst Canadian (Empress of China) 19th inst. Australian (Talyuan) 28th inst.

Tre s.s. Rubi left Manila to-day, and is due here on Monday, at 2.15 p.m. The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Tientsin left Singapore for this port on 9th inst., at 6 n.m. The O. & U. S. S. Co.'s s s. Dorse with mails,

&c., left Manila for this port this afternoon, and is due here on 12th inst. The Imperial German Mail s.s. Pringers Alice which left here on 9th ult, noon, arrived at Ginna on Friday, at 10 a mi The O. S. S. Co, & C. M. S. N. Co.'s a.s.

Calchas left Kuchinotzu yesterday, and may be expected bere on 14th install

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's.)

A Third Russian Squadron for the Far East

London, 8th December.

The Mail St. Petersburg states the Tsar decreed yesterday that a third squadron, not the Black Sea squadron, shall be despatched to the Far East.

The Anglo-French Convention. M. Delcassé, in a debate on the Anglo-French Convention, said that its opponents had concentrated their criticism on Newfoundland, yet all that France had abandoned was a valueless fish-curing right, and in exchange had received important compensations elsewhere. The Convention was the result of a foreign policy based on a definite plan, and followed perseveringly for six years, by which Spain and Italy were conciliated, and Great Britain no longer saw in France anything but a tried worker, whom it was difficult to replace in the field of peace and concord.

The Franco-Siamese Convention.

The French Senate has approved of the Franco-Siamese Convention without a division. M. Delcassé declared that the Convention secured French preponderance in the Mekong basin without moving a soldier or expending a centime.

DEATH OF THE ISAKS CHIEF SPY.

EXTRAORDINARY CAREER OF AN UNSCRUPULOUS ADVENTURESS.

Emma Bellomo, the Tsar's most daring spy, has been murdered. The story of her career reads like a novel.

She was born (says a writer in the Liverpool Daily Post) the daughter of a poor peasant, At the age of fourteen she was employed as a household drudge in a bourgeois family at Nice: Endowed with a personal beauty precocious as the development of her mental powers, she began to realise that both might be used in such a world as this for the attainment of rank and spower. She was grossly ignorant, and the first step upward was the improvement of her education. She waited for two years, and then saw her first chance and took it. Battista Pisani fell in love with her, and asked her to be married to him. He was only a "practicien," a mason; but he was a man somewhat superior to his environment in scholarship, and Emma saw in him her opportunity. She married him, and when he had taught her all he knew she became very exacting. To provide her with what she wanted he turned coiner, and eventually had to leave the country to escape

the police. Madame Pisani then went to Nice, where she met the Count della Torre, who at once fell a vicilm to non-conficient leveliness and charm of manner. She ensuared him, attached him to her devoted service, and did with him whatsoever she listed. So from that time she became known to the world as the "grande dame," the Countess della Torre. When the Count died he left her the whole of his immense fortune, and society threw open wide its

doors to her. posal of the Tsar, and to the Russian Courts to be secured, she secured it. Murder she counted a legitimated factor in the game. She would lure on her victim by soft glance and tender smile, with a small phial of deadly poison hidden in her left glove.

The coup which first established her in the complete confidence of the Tsar happened early in her career. The Russian Secret Police had received intelligence of a plot which was being hatched conjointly in Rome and Paris, Reports conflicted in detail, but all concurred in pointing at a trusted member of the household high in the confidence of the Tsar, and with constant access to his person. The work of detecting the plot was given to the Countess. who went to Rome and ingratiated herself with the Nihilists. She was successful, and on reto believe what she told him. The accused was one of the most trusted of his personal friends. "Then," said the Countess, "I shall prove to your Majesty that what I say is true. In half an hour I must crave permission to see you again."

to quit-his-person. "Keep them with you," have a fair chance. she said. "On your noble person they are safe. In my hiding place they may be found. Returning, she found the Tsar nervously expecting her in his apartments, and at once said, "I beg that your Majesty will at once summon this gentleman to your presence, and that you observe closely the count's deport ment and features when he sees me at your side." When a few minutes later the officer entered and saw the countess he was struck with terror and amazement.

" It is as I informed your Majesty," observed the countess, calmly. "If you will search him you will find the proof," The proof was found in one of his riding-boots. The Tsar's command was "Exile to Siberia for life," but the countess never knew what really became him. She always believed that he was murdered in his cell that night.

From that day the Countess della Torre was established in the confidence of the Autocrat of all the Russias; but one ghost haunted herher husband. She had been in constant communication all along with Pisani, who was in America. He returned a few weeks ago unbidden, and sought her out. When he left her. she was found murdered. Now he awaits his

TURF TOPICS.

With the advent of the racing searon I am called upon to again make my how to your readers, and in so doing express a hope that the forthcoming meeting will be as successful and enjoyable as its many prodecessors. There are still some two months to clapse before the actual races are due, but the time should be pleasantly passed by early risers who know the many benefits to be derived from by a walk to the rails ere the dew is off the grass. My budget of news for this morning is somewhat short, but it includes at least one important item-the running off of the tie between Desert King and Little Momo-which, of course, over shadows everything else for importance. Bu of this more anon. The gathering at the course today angurs well for the success of the many other preliminary meets before the rices. The spirit impatted into the sport by the active participation of our Governor is bound to popularise racing in Hongkong to an extent not hitherto known, and with such a keen sportsman as the Hon. W. J. Gresson at the head of the Ewo stable we should see the revival of enthusiasm on the local turf by the representatives of the familiar "blue and

The morning oper.ed bright, and drew quite a large gathering of sports to the Course, while the number of ladies present was well up to the average for so early in the season. The griffins went for a few spins, and the best times made were as follows :--

tl. E. the Governor's sub-7 mile, 1.48

Dr. Jordan's sub-1 mile 1.11 Mr. A. V. Apcar's sub-1 mile 2.30

Mr. II. P. White's sub went round for 13 miles; apparently he is a long distance pony. At half-past seven the tie between Desert King and Little Monto was run off, the former being piloted by the Hon. W. J. Gresson and the latter by its owner, Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton.

Desert King, however, won by two lengths in 2ms, 25 3/5 secs, and thus decided the record of three dead heats in the annals of China

EARLY BIRD. This morning, as usual on Saturdays, quite a crowd of sporting folk put in an appearance at the rails. The long expected match between Desert King and Little Memo was somewhat of a fiasco. The little skewbald went down to the post in a very scratchy manner, and never at any part of the journey seemed to be able to extend himself. Desert King won with the greatest of case by about a length and a halfand was not at all distressed when he came back to weigh in. Mr. G. K. H. Brutton, the owner of Little Momo, elected to ride himself, so the ponies were both carrying level weights, viz, 11-5. The time was very slow-2.25, but no doubt the King could have done better as | had to occupy it as soon as possible in order Mr. Gresson was hanking his head off the first three quarters of a mile in an endeavour to hold him behind Little Monto.

Some of the sub-griffins showed really fine form, despite the fact that the grass course was a little holding in parts.

Gresson's spotted, boy up, Johnstone's gray, owner up, and Cruickshank's black, Gresson the fair time of 2.31, last quarter 34. I ne spouson having such a big pull in the weights, managed to hold his end up in the run in, and the other two finished together.

H.E. the Governor's little blue dun, Johnstone up, was also sent along for a nice working gallop. He negotiated three quarters of a Fate led her to place her talents at the dis- mile in 1.48, last quarter 33, and finished full of running. This pony has improved wondershe became indispensable. If a document had fully of late, and his trainer is adopting the good old policy of "Slow and Sure."

> Apcar's big dun, with Gegg up, rattled off a very even mile in 2.30, last quarter 35. This rony has a beautiful stride, but is a terrible slug, which after all in the China pony is not a bad defect, provided he is game and answers to the whip and spur.

> Mr. Dorabjee's white is credited with having done the fastest mile of the morning, viz. 2.21. I personally took his last three quarters, 1.47, an I last quarter 33. Students of form must keep an eye on this pony in connection with long distance events, as he has that low, long stride which is so very deceiving.

Mr. Mody's crack, with Alderton up, was sent half a mile, but did not take the eye at all : he turn got an audience with the Tsar, who refused appeared to be moving short, and looked shifty. It seems after all that perhaps his little mean eye will tell its own tale when it comes to racing.

Mr. Forrest's pony pleases me more and more every time I see him move; he spun offhalf a mile in 1.6, last quarter 31, finishing with his head in chest and his ears pricked. She at once hastened to the officer in ques- | Should he be able to stay, this raimal is untion, and delivered into his care the package of | doubtedly good enough to make a Derby 10npapers, with the injunction not to allow them | ner, and with good griffins so scarce should

been subs good enough to do so. Straight-

and others. " News from Shanghai is not very promising, with regard to griffins, men down from that port stating that though some hundreds of Reiben, near Basle, whose labours and influponies have arrived and been tried only a very few have been found to be able to stay up to a mile. In fact, it is stated that the best mile | the deaconesses is a hospital, so unpopular at done so far by griffins in the Northern settle- the time Sister Trina took charge of it ment has been 2-24. This is not exactly winning time. Last year nearly all the races were won by the ponies that arrived first. Condition, whether in man or beast, is bound to tell, arid probably this season will again relate the same tale. Mr. Gresson has just landed four Derby griffins, not a bad looking lot, but this year the old pony racing, to which I will refer later on, should prove the most sporting as a lot of money has been expended on crack

LARRY LYNX.

THE s.s. Lothian left Chinwantao on the 8th inst. for Durbad, vid Singapore, having 2,050 coolies on board for the South African mines.

THE BALTIC FLEET.

FRENCH TERMS OF NEUTRALITY.

The future rendezvous of the Baltic Fice now on the way, through the Red Sea and also round the Cape is being discussed in Tokio. It is generally believed the squadrons will meet near Madagascar and at Saigon, an opinion that appears to be based on the opinion that in declaring her neutrality in the present war France did not follow (and indeed never has followed) the example of Great Britain and the United States by limiting the stoppage a French ports of war-ships of the belligerents to twenty-four hours, except in the case of a war-ship in charge of a captured vessel. It is believed, therefore, that the French Government may allow war-ships to remain at French ports longer than twenty-four hours. A Tokio dispatch says the French terms of neutrality distinctly provide that neither of the bellig erents will be allowed to make a French port their base of operations. Moreover, says the dispatch, a similar understanding was distinctly arrived at in communications between the Japanese and French Governments in regards to the question of neutrality. Much depends upon the interpretation of the term "base of operations." Such a term applied to a fleet en route may have little meaning at all, and the French may raise no objection to the Russians stopping in their ports-waiting for other vessels-for several days at a stretch. Naturally, the rendezvous of the fleet is regarded with great interest in Japan, as indicating to some extent its future movements.—Ex.

THE 203 METRE HILL.

So much has been heard of late regarding the importance of the captured position at 20, Metre Hill that a few particulars concerning i will be of interest. The following references to it are made by a Maintchi correspondent :-

The 203 Metre Hill and Signal Hill are the two gates through which the Japanese can enter Port Arthur. When they are captured by the Japanese, the port will be at their mercy. The 203 Metre Hill is situated to the northwest of the City. From its summit the troops can command either the back or the flank of Itsushan, Antsushan, and Tayankao. Namakoyama, Hachimakiyama, the 174 Metre Hill and 121 Metre Hill are just below it. The hil directly commands the old city, the new city, and all the shipping refuges in the western and eastern harbours. It will be easy for the Japanese to fire from this hill upon the back slopes of Itsushan and Antsushan, and upon Pigeon Bay, and when once Pigeon Bay is commanded by Japanese artillery it will no longer, be possible for provisions to be conveyed to the Russians. The 203 Metre Hill is not in the main line of batteries, but the Japanese to be able to destroy the Russian fleet in the harbour. It is believed that the Russian was ships are now at the mercy of the Japanese, and that Admiral Togo's vessels will ver shortly be able to direct their entire attention to the welcoming of the Baltic Squadron.

THE NURSE AS HEROINE.

Of special interest at this time is the history of Mme. Bakounina, known as the Dussian "Florence Nightingale. At the time of the Crimean war she was head of the Russian order of sisters of mercy, and attended operations at the field hospitals regardless of danger. She and her sisters also had the courage to discard their uniform and don sheepskin coats and long boots and go out in the snow and render first aid, and help bring in the wounded. This order of nurses, which was founded by the Grand Duchess Helena Pavlovna in 1854, has many members now at the front, and keeps its jubilee in October. Then we must not forget that most modest and most heroic of women, Mary Kingsley, who laid down her life at Cape Town whilst nursing the Boers of typhoid. The niece of Charles Kingsley, she was a writer and traveller, and ever in her wanderings she ministered to the sick. Witness some of the stories told in her delightful "Travels in West Africa." At the time of the Boer War she shipped quietly away to Cape Colony to do whatsoever her hand should find to do for those who were ill. Most of her friends never knew she had left England till they heard of her death. She took the most unpopular work and the hardest work. Not hers to rush to the front with the soldiers and the doctors and the clamour and excitement. She nursed the Boers on the typhoid hospital ship till she herself took the disease and died. And there were so many others we

could have better spared! Another heroine of our own times is described in a French volume just issued called "En Haut!" The countess the Saint Martial was left a widow in 1885, and she put aside her position and wealth and joined the Order of St. | changed hands at Tls. 98. I believe it has never been known for a sub- Vincent de Paul. She nursed and organised griffin to win a Derby, although there have and toiled for them in France and Italy till. after a brief eleven years, she died worn out. forward might have done so, as also Sinbad, Her published letters prove her to have been not only a good nurse and a clever woman, but also a good Catholic. Then there is Sister Trina, head of the Protestant deaconesses at ence were described in a paper written by Agnes Jones. The principal sphere of work of that the patients had to be bribed to enter it! Miss Jones described Sister Trina as "a simple and humble-minded Christian, with gentle, winning, and affectionate manners," and elsewhere she mentions her "beautiful humility." And yet the deaconesses under her not only nursed the hospital but had charge of a deaf institute, a children's hospital in Basle, did private and district work in Basle, and worked in Basle gaol. And these sisters were chiefly of the peasant class. If we have not mentioned Agnes fones herself, or Sister Dora, or other of our great English beroines, it is because full memorials of their lives have been published, and ought to be in all nursing libraries and familiar

to all nurses.—Hospital,

FIRE AT YAUMATI.

At about two o'clock this afternoon a report was turned in that a fire had broken out below the Russian internment camp at King's Park, Kowloon. The Fire Brigade, under Mr. E. R. Hallifax and Chief Inspector Baker, immedistely repaired to the scene of the outbreak. It appeared that the fire originated in some matsheds, and spread to the boiler works of Pong See Sing, which was reduced to ashes, the loss being estimated at \$800,000? while the property was uninsured. An unfortunate mon key perished in the flames, but there were no other casualties. The cause of the outbreak could not be ascertained.

CANTON NOIES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, 7th December. A DISREPUTABLE HOUSE.

A few days ago the Tartar General wa notified that a foreigner was fitting up a house for disreputable purposes. The Nam Hol Magistrate was asked to investigate. Sureenough a house was found in the Tartar portion of the city, part of which was already used for a brothel. The Nam Hoi made short work of it and carried away the ten or more young girls found in the house, and confiscated the property. An investigation will follow, and if the landlord can prove he knew nothing of the purpose for which the house was to be wards for cash at same rate. March Tls. 305. used, he will get his property back upon payment of a fine. The foreigner, whoever he may be, has made himself scarce. THE BUDDHIST MISSION.

Several months ago several Buddhist missionaries arrived from Japan to open a mission in this province. They sought recognition from the Viceroy and a proclamation was issued granting them the same privilege as missionaries of other religions. These Japan mission. aries find ready acceptance with the people. In fact, everything Japanese is at a premium just now. Japan is often spoken of as the strongest nation in the world. The missionaries are working very quietly and getting a good many followers. They have one hall on Fa-Tiand hold regular meetings. Sunday, for somereason, is the regular meeting day. Other meetings are held, but the general meeting is held on Sunday. This week a second hall has been opened. It is just outside the East gate of the City. The extreme politeness of the Japanese and their familiarity with the Chinese written language give them a decided advantage with the Chinese. The halls are in imitation of the Mission Chapels, and they have their ten commandments and have added ten prohibitions. The 1st commandment is "Love your country." Then follow "Honour to parents; obedience to teachers; love of brethren; obedience to the laws of the order: etc." Among the things prohibited are, gambling, licentiousness, helping in law suits. One other is worthy of note. There must be no quarrelling with other sects. 1 Both the commandments and the prohibition are very good, though opinions might differ as to the order of merit. However, the Chinese will be made better by becoming good converts of the Japanese Buddhist missionaries.

COMMERCIAL.

TO-DAY'S INTELLIGENCE.

The quotations announced up to this hour

China and Manilas \$ 23 b. Hongkong Docks Indo-Chinas Douglases Hongkong Cottons 13 b.

No business led owing to holders entertaining ideas of higher rates. For Docks, the demand is from strong buyers. Cash Indos are scarce, and the demand is likely to become accentuated on the approach of the settlement. This stock has inquiries forward at \$137 for lune; no sales.

The following shares are offering:-China Borneos at \$131 Shell Transport n 25/6

WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

Mesers. Benjamin, Kelly & Potts in their report of yesterday's date state:-During the past week, the market has been somewhat depressed, owing to the December

Banks.-Hongkong and Shanghai Banks continue on the rise and are in request at \$715. The London quotation is £70. 5/. Nationals are obtainable at \$39.

settlement, but a better tone prevails at the

Marine Insurances.-Unions have further advanced and can be placed at \$700. China Traders have been booked and more shares are lichance. inquired for at \$58\ ex the dividend of \$4\ paid yesterday. Cantons are without business and may be procured at \$250. North Chinas have

Fire Insurances.-No transaction has taken place and there is no alteration in the rate of either stock.

Sh'pping.-Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats are quiet al \$29}. Indo Chinas are in demand at \$1281. In Shanghai, business has been done at Tis. 91 and Tis. 92. China and Manifas are weak at \$14. Douglas Steamships can be procured at \$34. There are sellers of Star, Ferries (old issue) at \$40, and the new shares are on offer at \$30. Shell Trans. ports have improved with sales and further buyers at 24/-

Refineries.-China Sugars have not maintained their position and shares have been parted with at \$232, the market closing with sellers at \$233 Luzons have experienced a sharp rise and close in demand at \$21.....

Mining.-Chinese Engineering continue on off:r at Tis. 64 Raubs have declined and are offering at \$41. Private advices from Singapore state that 3,500 tons of stone were crushed at the mines for a yield of 435 ounce smelled gold. Orientals have been placed at G\$16] In Shanghailan and the state of the state of

Docks, Wharfs and Godowns .- Hongkons and Whampon Docks are in request at \$216 Farnhams have been disposed of at Tls. 174. Kowloon Wharfs are to be had at \$1144. Owing to a landship," Hongkew Wharis declined to Tls. 130, but are now firmer and can be placed at Tls. 1321 for the old and Tls. 130 for the new spares.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings,-Hongkong Lands remain unaltered at \$148. Shanghai. Lands have improved to Tis. 118; but at this price shares are offering. Kowloon Lands have been sold at \$384 and West Points are still in the market at \$60. Hongkong Hotels

continue firm and are asked for at \$141. Astor House Hotels (Shanghai) have changed hands and further shares are wanted at 127. Humphreys' Estate have been parted with Cotton Mills - Hongkong Cottons have fur-

ther advanced and are in request at \$12%. Quotations for Shanghai Mills are:- Ewos Tis. 25 buyers; Internationals Tis. 21 buyers; Laou-Kung-Mows Tls. 32k sellers; and Soychees Tis: 150 nominal:

Cigar Companies.—Sumatras have again been dealt in at Tls. 654.

Miscellaneous.-Green Island Cements have changed hands at \$311 and are now obtainable at \$31. A. S. Watsons are quoted at \$123, and Watkins are offering at \$ 1 after sales at the rate. China-Bornen are still wanted at \$13. Tramways have sellers at the reduced rate of \$290. Langkats have further declined to Tls. 287 at which rate business has been done.

- Shanghai advices, of 3rd inst., states :—Business done: -- ndo-Chinas at Ils. 94/94 for March. Farnham Boyds at Tls. 177/178/177/1761 for December, Tis. 179/178 for January, and Tis 1821/182 for March, Mantschappijs at Tis. 290 for December and Tis. 3021/305/304 for March. Astors at \$28.

Business reported direct: - Farnham, Boyds at Tls. 175 cash, Tls. 1761 for December, Tls. 183 for March. Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf shares at Tls. 1323 "New". Mants. chappijs at Tls. 290 for December and after-

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DARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 19th day of December, 1904, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Causeway Bay in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

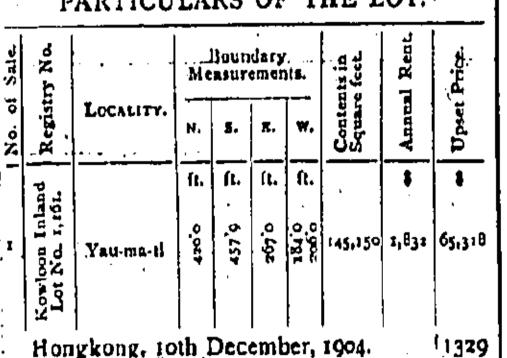
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Consignees.

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FROM RANGOON AND STRAITS. HE Company's Steamship

"PUNDUA," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M., the 10th instant, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at East Point. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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Hongkong, 9th December, 1904. NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN

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"." SEYDLITZ,"

THE Steamship

of the NORDDBUTSCHER LLOYD,

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the centrary be given before 1 o'clock, THIS AFIERNOON. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 14th instant will be

subject to rent. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on WEDNESDAY, the 14th instant, at 0.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 19th instant, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

> NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. MELCHERS & Co., Agents,

Hongkong, 8th December, 1904, FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE H. A. L. Steamship "C. FERD. LAEISZ,"

Captain von Hoff, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside. Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless

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be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 12th instant at 3 P.M. No Fire insurance has been effected, HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,

Hongkong Office. -11-Rang, 5th December, 1904. "MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. THE S.S. "GHAZEE," FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND STRAITS.

ONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd. at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained. Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless

notice to the contrary be given before 3 P.M. TO-DAY. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 12th instant will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 20th instant, or they will not be recognized. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 9th instant, at 3 P.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DODWELL & Co., LIMITED, Hongkong, 5th December, 1904

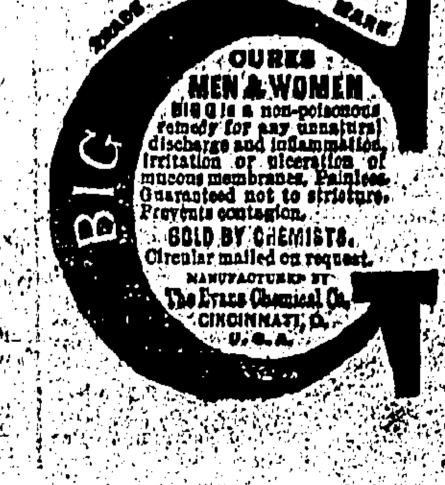
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES, S.S. "ARAGONIA," FROM PORTLAND (OR.), YOKOHAMA,

KOBE AND MOJI, THE above steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to | Rels, Congor-Hai Man Vu send in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside, ...

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk. and expense. No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever. ALLAN CAMERON,

General Agent. Hongkong, 5th December, 1904.



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Ngo pair Musk Deer-Wong Keng each Hare-Tu Chai Partridge-Che Khoo Pheasant -Shan Kaipair Pigeons, Canton-Pak Kup each Hoihow-Hoihow Pak Kup Quail-Um-Chun Rice Birds-Wo Fa Cheukdozen Snipe-Sa Chui each Chilles Dried-Con Lat Chiu Turkeys, Cock-Fo Kai Kung Hen- , Na Wild Ducks, Shanghai, Sui-ap, pair Teal, Shanghai, Sui Ap Chai.....each Wild Ducks Canton-Sang Shing Sui Apper pair 1,10

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Bream-Bin Yu..... Canton Fresh Water Fish-Hoi Sin Yu, Carp—Li Yu Catfish -- Chik Yu, Codfish-Mun Yo..... Crabs-Hai Cuttle Fish-Muk Yu Dab-Sa Mang Yu Daco-Wong Mei Lun Dog Fish-Tit-Tu-Sammermanning

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Gudgeon-Pak Kup Yu Herrings - Teo Pak Halibut-Cheung Kwan Yu Labrus-Wong Fa Yuman Loach-Wu Yu. Lobsters-Lung Ha Mackerel-Chi Yu Monk Fish-Mon Yu ming the property of Mullet-Chai Yu Oysters-Sang Hoo Parrottish-Kai Kung Yu

Piko-Fa Paw Poong

Plaice-Pan Yp.

Pomfret, Black-Hak Chong

Pomíret, While-Pak Chong.

Prawns-Ming Ha. Ray-Pei Pa Sa Rock Fish-Sok Kau Kung......... Roach-Chun Yu Salmon, (C'ton), fresh water-Ma Yau Shark-Sa Yu Tench—Wan Yu Turbot-Cho How Yu Turtles, small, fresh water - Keok Yu. .. 11 White Bait-Ngan Yu Chai FRUITS. Apples, (California)—Kam San Ping Ko..... (Chefoo)-Tin Chun Ping , Ko..... Small-Hoi Tong..... Custard—Fan Lai Chicach Bananas, fragrant, Canton-Sang Sheng Houng Chiu " (brides), Macao-San Heung Chiu, Chestnuts, Chinese Foong Lut..... Carambola-Yeung Tou Cocoanuts-Yeh Tszeach Lemons, China-Ning Moong.... ... Amer.-KumSan Ning Moong, Lichees, Dried-Lai Chi Con Fresh, Lai Chi Limes, (Saigon)-Sai Kung Ning Moongeach Mango, Manila-Lui Sung Mong, Mango, Saigon-Sai Kung Moong Mangosteens, San Chuk Tsz dor, Oranges, (Canton)—Sang Sheng Tim

Chang Small-Tai Kutcatty

l'ears. (American)-Kam San Shut Li... " (Canten), Cooking-Sa Li " (Shanghai)—Sheung Hoi Li.... Peanuts,-Fa Sang Persimmons Large, -Hung Chie Pine-apples, 1st quality-Sheung Poon Ti Paw-laweach and cocking—Chung-tang Paw-law Platams—Tai Chen Plums, Swatow-Hung Lai Pumolo, Siam-Chim Lo Yau Walnuts, Hop Tou Green-Sang Hop Tuo VECETABLES, &c,

Artichokes, Shanghai,-Shaung Hot Ah Chi Chauk Beans, (French) Macao-Oh Moon Pin Tau Beans, (French), Shanghal-Sheung Hoi Pin Tau Beans, Sprout-Ah Choi.... Beans Long-Tau Kok

Beet Root-Hung Choi Tau..... each Brinjals, Green-Cheng Yuen Ker Brinjals, Red. Hange Ber Million 18 3. braisica-Pak Choi.... Bamboo Shoots-Chook Shun Cabbage, Chinese, com.-Kai Choy...., Cabhage Root-Kai Lan Taueach Cabbage, (Shanghai)—Yeh Choi

Cane Shoots, bunch—Kau Shun Cauliflower, Large size-Tai Yeh Choi FaBach Cauliflower, Medium size-Cheung Yeh Choi-faeach Cauliflower, Small size-Sai Yeh Chol-fa Carrots-Kam Shun Celery, Chinese - Tong Kan Choy, Celery, English-Young Kan Choi Celery, White-Pak Yeung Kan Choi...

.. Red-Hung Fa Green-Cheng Lat Chiu ,.... Curry Stuff, English-Ka Lee Choi Liu Cucumbers-Cheng Kwa Hitter Squash-Fu Kwa Garlic-Suen Tau Ginger, young-Sun Ter Keung ,..... " old-Lo Keung Horse Radish, Shanghai-Lik Kan Indian Corn-Suk Maipiece

Lettuce-Young Sang Choieach

Water Chesnuts-Ma Tai

... Mandarin-Kwei Lum Ma Tai, Mushrooms Fresh-Sang Cho Kho Onions, Bombay-Yeung Chung Tan Green-Sang Chung. Shai-Shoung Hol Chung Tau n Japan-Yat Poon Okroes-Mo Ker Parsley, English-Young Un Sal

Gradus, Pes Green Peas-Oneng Tau...... Poratoes, Sweet-Fan Shu Shanghaj-Shaung Hoi Shu Japan-Yat Poon Shu Tsai ... American-Fa Ki

Poochow-Fuk Chan Shu Teal Macso-Oh Moon Pumpkin-Toong Kwa Radish-Hing Lo Pak Tsai,....dosen Shalots Con Chung Tap marine Spinsge (Chinese) Paw Ohol Spinsch-Vin Chol

Tomatoes-Fan Ker-yerrenters Taron Wu Tau speiceeriesteriteritere Turnips, Pon-ti (Long)-Low Pak ", Knglish-Yenng Low Pak, piece Vegetable Marrow-Chit Kwa Waters Cresses-Sal Yaung Choi......

Lily Roots-Lin Ngan Vame - Tal Shules erregen seres erregen seres N. A. JOHANSSEN.

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Palawan, Br. s s., 4,686, J. D. Andrews, R.N.R. 9th Dec. - London 29th Oct., and Singapore and Dec. Mails and Gen.-P. & O.

S. N. Co. Pundua, Br. s.s., 2,126, P. F. Thomson, 9th Dec.,-Singapore and Dec., Gen.-1., M.

Capri, Ital. s.s., 2,300, G. Belsito, 9th Dec.,— Bombay and Singapore 30th Nov., Gen .--Mathilde, Ger. s.s., 678, G. Schlaikier, 9th

Dec.,-Swatow 8th Dec., Gen.-J. & Co. Magnilanes, Am. s.s., 832. C. Yuzabel, 9th Dec.,—Manila 6th Dec., Timber.—Captain. Benmohr Br. s.s., 1,938, A. Webster, 9th Dec., - Moji 3rd Pec, Coal. - G, L. & Co. Changsha, Br. s.s., 1,463, T. Moore, toth Dec.,

-Kohe via Kuchinotzu 3rd Dec., Gen.-Kaifong, Braus, 1,000, E. Finlayson, 10th Dec.,-Cebu and Iloilo 6th Dec., Gen.-

Kiukiang, Br. s.s., 1,228, Harris, 10th Dec.,-Canton 9th Dec., Gen.—B. & S. Kwongsang, Br. s.s., 1,428, P. M. B. Lake, 10th

Dec,-Canton 9th Dec., Gen.-J., M. & Glory, Br. battleship, 13,000, Hon. W. G. Stonford, 10th Dec.,-from Practice. Vasco de Gama, Portuguese cruiser, 3,000,

Vasco de Carvalho, 10th Dec.,-Shanghai 6th Dec. Auchenarden, Br. s.s., 2,400, Crowder 10th Dec.,-Kuchinotzu 4th Dec., Coal.-M. B.

Hangsang, Br. s.s., 1,356, S. Wilde, 10th Dec., -Shanghai via Swatow 5th Dec., Gen.

J. M. & Co. Anhui, Br. s.s., 1,350, W. Frayur, 10th Dec.,-Taku 5th Dec., Ground-nuts.—B. & S.

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Yingking, for Canton. San Cheong, for Canton. Kwongsang, for Shanghai. Kwongtung, for Canton. Gaea, for Singapore. Hoi Ilo, for West River. Mathilde, for Touron. Chiyuen, for Shanghai. Telemachus, fo Saigon. Jacob Diederichsen, for Hoihow. Anhui, for Canton. Tak Hing, for West River. Wingchai, for Macao. Clara Jebsen, for Haiphong. Kansu, for Kobe. Foochow, for Canton Pak Kong, for West River. Hallan, for Pakhoi. Longships, for Kobe.

> Daparturas. Dec. 10.

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Per Palawan, for Hongkong from London-Mr. and Mrs. Tooker, Mrs. Steele and infant, Mrs. Roach, infant and amah, Mr and Mrs. MacNeill, 2 children and infant, Mrs. Osborne, infant and amah, Miss Bryer, Mr. Clegg, Miss children, Mr. Porterfield, wits: Double of the Mrs. Thomas and 2 in A., minor, Hymns: 50, 268 and 353, Vesper Kiene, Mrs. child, Messrs. Dutton, Williams, Claydon, Mrs. Flaherty and infant, and Mr. Oldham From Marseilles-Mr. Raby. From Colombo-Miss Ward. From London for Shanghai-Mrs. C. Simpson, child and infant, Mrs Berner, Miss Bowley, Mrs. Barkus and infant, Mr. and Mrs. Munsie and child, Mrs. T. Simpson, Messrs. Robertson, Warwick, Mrs. Plowman and infant, Messrs. Burnett. Byth, Marshall, Laver, Perkins, Laing, Miss Benson, Mrs Sugden, Mrs. Crockett and child, and Mr. Evans. For Kobe-Mr. Monteith.

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Agincourt, Br. s.s., 2,876, Worsnop, 3rd Oct.,-Hainan 1st Oct., Ballast .- Order. Aragonia, Ger. \$15, 3,120, R. Schuldt, 4th Dec.

Atlantic, Am. s.s., 670, Antacenti, 26th Nov.,-Manila 19th Nov - Sugar.—Barretto & Co. Belgian King, Br. s.s., 2,353. J. Hayton, 2nd Dec.,-Moji 23rd Nov., Coal.-B. & Co. Borned, Ger. s.s., 1,344, E. Muhle, 5th Dec.,-Sandakan 29th Nov., Timber and Gen.-M. & Co.

Briez Izel, Fr. s.s., 2,939, A. Codet, 6th Dec,-Shanghai 3rd Dec, Gen.—S. O. Co. Clara Jebsen, Ger. s.s., 1,103, F. Bendixen, 6th St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road:-Morning Dec.,-Moji 30th Nov., Coals.-J. & Co. Craigearn, Br. s.s., 1,947, B. C. Edmonds, 7th St., Anthony's Chapel, West Point:-Mass, Dec.,-Kutchinotzu ist Dec., Coal - M. B.

Cyrus, Br. s.s., 2,050, F. Simmons, 8th Dec.,— Moji and Dec., Conl.-A., K. & Co. Edendale, Br. s.s., 717, Moss, 4th Nov.,-Saigon 28th Oct., Rice,-Master. Empress of Japan, Br. s.s., 3,039, Henry

Pybus, R.N.R., 22nd Nov.,-Vancouver 31st Oct., and Shanghai 19th Nov., Mails and Gen.-C. P. R. Co. Foo Shing, Br. s.s., 1,896, T. Arthur, 3rd Dec.

-Anghin, (Bangkok) 24th Nov., Rice and Gen.—J., M. & Co Goldmouth, Br. s.s., 4,863, Starkey, 1st Deca-Batoum 25th Oct., Oil.-D. & Co, Ld. Halaban, Dut. s s., 893, J. Steendam, 6th Dec., -Foochow and Dec. Ballast.-A., K.& Co. Hellas, Ger. s.s., 1,539, Rode, 3rd Dec.,-

Canton 3rd Dec., Gen.-S. & Co. Hinsang, Br. s.s., 1,536, D. E. Sawer, 3rd Dec., -Sourabaya 23rd Nov., Sugar.-J., M. & Hue, Fr. s.s., 705, Godineau, 27th Nov.,-

Haiphong and Holhow 26th Nov., Gen.-Indravelli, Br. s.s., 3,215, S. Cullington, 28th

Nov.,-Shanghai 24th Nov., Ballast.-J. M. & Co. Juno, Am. s.s., 710, Sala, 7th Dec., Manila 4th Dec., Ballast.—Order.

Kintuck, Br. s.s., 2,880, D. Robinson, 3rd Dec., -Singapore 26th Nov., Gen.-N. Y. K. Kumsang, Br. s.s., 2,077, E. J. Buller, 6th Dec.,-Singapore 29th Nov., Gen.-J., M.

Lennox, Br. s.s., 2,361, F. McNair, 7th Dec.,-Moji 1st Dec., Coal.-D. & Co., Ld. Liguria, Ital. s.s., 622, H. R. H. the Duc of Alreysi, 4th Dec.,-from Shanghai. Longships, Br. s.s., 2.843, Clucas, 30th Nov.,—

Moji 22nd Nov., Coal.-B. & Co. Madeleine Rickmers, Ger. s.s., 1,020, .S. Simonsen, 8th Dec.,-Bangkok 29th Nov., | Chandler, Lieut. Rice .- B. & S. Medan, Ger. s.s., 764, O. Stolberg, 30th Nov., -- Furth, H.

South Sea Island (Yap) 22nd Nov., Copra. -S. & Co. M. Struve, Ger. s.s., 966, P. Brandt, 7th Dec., -Amoy and Swatow 6th Dec., Gen.-O. B. K.

Opland, Nor. s.s., 844, Th. W. Schlyker, 4th Dec,-Newchwang 26th Nov., Beans,- | d'Arc, G. L. Paklat, Ger. s.s., 1,017, II. Demes, 7th Dec.,

-Bangkok (Anghin) 27th Nov., Rice and Wood,-B. & S. Prinz Segismund, Ger. s.s., 3,300, D. Lenz, 9th Dec.,-Yokohama and Dec., Gen.-M. & Progress, Ger. s.s., 687, F. Bremer, 3rd Dec.,—

Canton 3rd Dec., Gen .-- S. & Co. Sealda, Br. s.s., 3,438, Geo. Brown, 29th Nov.,
---Moji 23rd Nov., Coal.--J., M. & Co. Sophie Rickmers, Ger. s.s., 2,622, A. Walsen, 2nd Dec.,—Philadelphia 8th Oct., Case Oil.—S. O. Co.

Stanley Dollar, Br. s.s., 1,857, J. Bruce, 5th Dec.,-San Francisco 31st Oct., Flour,-A., K. & Co. Tean, Br. s.s., 1,346, A. Sommerville, 9th Dec.,-Manila 6th Dec., Gen.-B. & S.

Tsintau, Ger. s.s., 1,002, O. Kock, 9th Dec.,-Bangkok 29th Nov., Rice and Gen.-B. & Tungchow, Br. s.s., 987, Parkis, 23rd Nov.,— Shanghai 20th Nov., Ballast.—Order. Vaishing, Br. s.s., 1,170, M. Courtney, 9th

Dec.,—Tientsin and Dec., Gen.—J., M. & Yatshing, Br. s.s., 1,423, Sellar, 8th Dec.,-Hongay 5th Dec., Coal.—J., M. & Co.

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· TO-MORROW.

The following will be the order of service

to-morraw :--Third Sunday in Advent. -St. John's Cathedral, Hongkoug. Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m.; Matins, 11 a m., Responses: Ferial, Venite: Elvey, Psalms: Turle, Macfarren and Turle, Benedictus: Ward in A., Jubilate: Ayrton in E., Anthem: "Awake, awake, put on Thy Strength"-

Stainer. Hymn: 355 and 49. Evensong, 5.45 p.m., Responses: Ferial, Psalms: Gooderough, Turton and Turle, Magnificat : Smart in G, Nunc Dimittis : Monk

N.B.—There will be a Practice after Mating for Tuesday's Service at Kowloon. Will the Choir kindly stay for it?

St. Peter's Seamen's Church. Queen's Road, West.

Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer 11 a.m., Venite, Woodward; Te Deum, Russell; Jubilate, Barnby; Hymns,

7, 46, 243 and 65; Kyrie. Evening Prayer: Magnificat, Goss; Nunc Dimittis; Savage, Hymns, 11, 450, 445 and 16. The Church launch Dayspring will call on ships carrying white crews to bring friends ashore to the services between 9.15 and 10.30 a.m., and between 5.15 and 6 p.m., (Kowloon Police Pier, 10.30 and 6 p.m.): returning afterwards. The Answering Pennant is the Call -Portland, Or. 29th Oct., Gen.-P. & A. S. | flag. All the sittings are free and unappropriated. Visitors welcome. Books, &c. provided. Sunday school to to 10.45 a.m.

> Roman Catholic Cathedral: -- Mass at 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and 9.30 a.m. Benediction, 5.30 p.m, German Bethesda Chapel, West Point:-

Morning Service, 11 a.m. St. Francis' Church, Wanchai: - Mass (Chin.) 6 a.m., (Port.), 7.30 a.m. Benediction,

Service (English), 9 a.m. Union Church:-Services, 11 a.m., and 6 p.m. Wesleyan Methodist Church, Wanchai.

Wesley n Methodist Missionary Society Anniversary Services December 11th and 14th.

Wesleyan Church, Wanchai, Sunday, 11th inst. Morning to 15 a.m., The Rev. W. Bridie. Evening 6 p.m., The Rev. W. Fong. B.A. Afternoon 3 p.m., Address to Children and Parents by Rev. W. Bridie

PUBLIC MISSIONARY MEETING. On Wednesday evening December 14th, a Missionary meeting will be held in the Church

Chairman-Geo. Corderoy, Esq. of London. Hazeland, F. A. Speakers-The Revs. Chan Lai Tong, W. Holborow, Mr. Fong, W. Bridie and J. Dyer Ball, Esq. M.R.A.S. Collections at all these services for the Wesleyan Missionary Society.

Ie connection with above a Tea Meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Tickets 30 cents.

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| STOCKS. | NO. OF SHARES. | VALUE. | PAID UP | POSITION AS PE | R LAST REPORT. AT WORKING ACCOUNT. | LAST DIVIDEND. | APROXIMATE RETURN AT PRESENT OUOTATION. | CLOSING |
| PANKS. | 80,000 | '\$125 | S or | £1,000,000) | | (Div. of £1.10/ @ exclininge 1/9 15/16) | | (5715 buyers |
| Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation | 99,925 | £7 | \$,25 £7 | \$7,000,000 } \$250,000 } \$175,533 } | \$1,492,554 \$21,668 | Sallandan akk da aana 1904 | 36.0 | London £701 |
| MARINE INSURANCES | 10,000 | \$250 | | \$1,400,000 } | | | 5‡ % | |
| Canton Insurance Office. Limited | 10,000 | #250 | \$50 | 81,739 } (\$950,000) | \$150,494 | \$17 for 1903 | 61 % | \$250 |
| China Traders' Insurance Company, Limited | `24,COO | \$83.33 | \$25 | \$151,992 (\$362,366 \$371,445 | Nil. | \$41 for year ended 30.4:1904 | 71 % | \$581 ex div. |
| North China Insurance Company, Limited | 10,000 | £15 | £5 | Tis. 800,000 \$1,850,000 | Tls, 217,119 | Final of 10/- making £1 for 1903 | 8 % | Tla 98 buyers |
| Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited | , 10,000 | \$250 | Stoo | £20,000 { \$372,749 } | \$2,078,997 | \$35 for 1903 | 5 % | \$7co buyers |
| | 8,000 | \$100 | \$60 | \$893 110 \$846,773 \$700,000} | \$486,284 | \$12 for 1902 | 0 0 | · · · |
| Yangtsze Insurance Association, Limited Fire Insurances. China Fire Insurance Company, Limited | 20,000 | \$100 | \$10 | \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$125,675 | \$329,047 | \$6 dividend & \$1 bonus for 1902 | 8 % | \$150 \$90 buyers |
| Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited | . 8,000 | \$250 | \$50 | \$2,561) | | \$22} for 1902; | | \$335 buyers |
| SHIPPING, TUG AND CARGO BOATS. China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited | 30,000 | \$25 | \$25 | none \$185,000} | Dr. \$63,123 | \$5 for 1900 | •4• | \$24 |
| Douglas Steamship Company, Limited | 20,000 80,000 | \$50 \$15 | \$50 \$15 | \$80,935} \$250,000} \$500,000} | Nil. \$16,362 | \$3 for year ended 30.6.1903 \$11 for first half-year 1904 | 6 % | \$34 \$29} sollers |
| Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ld | | | | \$157,555} \$205,000} | | | | |
| Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited Shanghai Tug and Lighter Company, Limited | 200,000 } 100,000 } | £10 Tls. 50 | £10 Tis. 50 | none | £5,853 Tls. 55,541 | 10/- for 1903 @ 1/10 5/16=\$5.378 | 41 % 81 % | \$128 buyets Tis. 53 sales Tis. 49 sellers |
| Do. (Preference) "Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited | | £1 \$10 | £1 \$10 | £410,000 \$60,000} | Lioses | Interim of 1/- (Coupon!No. 4) for 1002 | 4 % | 26/- sellers 540 sellers |
| "Star" Ferry Company, Limited | 10,000 | \$10 | \$5. | \$15,093 } \$400,000 } | | \$1.80 & b. 40 cts for year ending 30.4.04 | | \$30 sellers |
| Straits Steamship Company, Limited | 5,000 | \$100 | \$t o o | \$ 21,075 { \$ 18,000 { \$130,153 } | \$33,648 | \$5 for 20d }-year making \$13 for 1903 | | \$150 sellers |
| Taku Tug and Lighter Company, Limited | • • | T. Tls. 50 | | (115, 201,014) | T1s. 865 | Interim of Tls. 13 for 1904 | | Tls. 30 |
| China Sugar Refining Company, Limited | 20,000 7,000 7,000 | \$100 \$100 Tls: 50 | \$100 \$100 Tis. 50 | none none Tls. 100,000 | Dr. \$147,717 Dr. \$73,905 Tls. 1,456 | Interim of \$5 for 1904 | | \$231 sellers \$21 buyers Tis, 60 |
| MINING. Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ld | 1,000,000 | £ı | £1 G. \$10 | £40,000 ποπο | £7,820 G \$672,093 | No. 3 of 1/6 | ••• | Tis. 69 sellers G \$161 sales |
| Oriental Consolidated Mining Company, Limited Raub Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited { | 150,000 50,000 | <u> </u> | 18/10 £1 | £4,873 | Dr. £4,029 | No. 12 of 1/-=48 cents | 97 % | \$41 sellers |
| Société Française des Charhonnages du Tonkin DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS. | <u>:</u> | Fcs. 250 | | Fcs. 251,337 } Fcs. 1,529,652 } \$70,000 | Fcs. 85,706 | Final of Fcs. 25 making Fcs. 55 for 1903 | | \$490 |
| Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited | 6,000 30,000 | \$25 \$50 | \$25 \$50 | \$50,089 \$250,000 | \$10,517 \$28,015 | \$3.75 for 1903 | 41 % | S45 sellers S114g sellers |
| Howarth Erskine, Limited | 50,000 12,000 | \$100 | \$50 \$100 | \$25,500 \$60,000 | \$505,471 | \$6 dividend and \$2 bonus for first half-} year 1904 \$10 div. & \$5 bonus for 1903/4 | 21.2 | \$216 buyers \$202} buyers |
| New Amoy Dock Company, Limited | 6,000 6,000 2,750 | \$6 3 : | \$6 4 \$100 | \$55,500 \$150,000 | \$ 489 \$ 40,936 | {\$10 div. and \$2} bonus } for too3 | 161 % | \$27 sellers \$1921 buyers \$122 |
| S. C. Farnham, Boyd & Co., Limited | 55,200 32,000 | Tls. 100 Tls. 100 | | Tis. 900,000 Tis. 487,210 | Tls. 48,153 Tls. 22,895 | Interim of Tis. 4 for 1904 | 6# % 8# % | Tis. 174 Tis. 1322 buyers |
| Tanjong Pagar Dock Company, Limited | 37,000 2,500 | \$100 Tls. 100 | \$100 Tis.,100 | \$1,950,000 Tls. 6,000 | \$43,732 Tls. 1,760 | \$6 for 2nd half year 1903 | 2 9 | \$240 sales Tis. 100 sales |
| Astor House Hotel, Limited (Tientsin) | 30,000 2,000 | \$25 T.Tis.50 | \$25 T.Tls. 50 | none Tls. 41,000 | \$9,989 Tls. 655 | \$21 for year ended 30.6.1904 | 0 7 | \$27 buyers Tis. 150 |
| China Land and Finance Company, Limited | 6,000 12,000 | Tls. 50 \$50 | \$50 | \$100,000 \$11,824 | \$11,668 | \$5 for first half-year 1904 | | Tla. 55 |
| Hongkong Land Investment and Agent con red. T. riotel des Colonies Company, Limited (Shanghai) | 9,000 50,000 | ⊅100 Tls. 25 | \$100 Tls. 25 | \$500,000 Tls, 13,986 | \$51,066 Tis. 680 | Interim of \$6 for 1904 | 45 % | \$148 seilers Tis. 19 sales |
| Humphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited | 150,000 6,000 | \$10 \$50 | \$10 \$30 | \$200,607 } \$50,000 } none | \$9,177 \$636 | 90 cents for 1903 | , | \$12‡sellers \$38‡ sales |
| Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited , | 52,000 | Tls 50 | Tls. 50 | Tls. 800,000 Tls. 150,000 Tls. 17,144 | Tls. 37,634 | Interim of Tis. 3 for 1904 | 11,4 | Tis. 118 sellers |
| Tientsin Hotel des Colonies, Limited | 1,400 7,726 - | Tls. 50 Tls. 100 | Tls. 50 Tls. 100 | none Tls. 54,626 | Dr. Tls. 2,132 Tls. 325 | Interim of Tls. 3 for 1901 | 7 % | Tis. 49 sellers Tis. 125 |
| Wei-hai-wei Land and Building Company, Limited West Point Building Company, Limited | 3,764 12,500 | Tis. 25 \$50. | TIs. 25 · \$50 | none none | Tls. 5,150 \$1,362 | Interim of \$14 for 1904 | 5 % | Tis. 12 buyers \$60 sellers |
| Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ld Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing | 15,000 | Tls. 50 | Tls. 50 \$10 | none | Tis. 11,655 \$22,862 | Tis. 4 for year ended 31.10.1903 | 4 1 % | Tis, 25 buyers \$12 buyers |
| Company, Limited | 10,000 | Tls. 100 | Tls. 75 Fls. 100 | Tls. 30,098 none | Tls. 88,034 Tls. 15,500 | Interim of 3 % a/c 1898 | , | Tis. 21 buyers Tis. 32 sellers |
| Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited | 2,000 300 | Tls. 500 \$200 | TIs. 500 \$200 | Tls. 5,658 \$779 | Tls. 26,389 nil | 4 % for 1897 \$125 for year ending 30.6.1900 | *** | Tls. 150 \$100 |
| Philippine Company, Limited | 67,500 | \$10 Tls, 20 | \$10 . Flai: 20 | Tis. 24,820 | Tls. 1,091 | Interim of Tis. 3 | 9 1 % | 5 91 Tis. 651 sales |
| Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited MISCELLANEOUS. A. S. Watson & Co., Limited | \$0,000 \$0,000 | \$to | \$10 | Tis. 25,000 } { \$250,000 } { \$25,000 } | , , | Interim of 50 cents for 1904 | 8 % | \$121 |
| Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited | 8,604 1.200 6,000 | 12/6 \$10 | 12/6 \$10 | none \$5,500 | £161 \$596 | 6d. per share for 1903 | 54 % 76 % | \$40 buyers \$22 sellers |
| Do. (Founders') | 123 24,000 | \$15 | \$12 \$7} | \$20,000 | \$1,253 First year | 3 Preferential of 7 per cent for 1004 | 61.2 | \$100 \$8 sellers \$13 buyers |
| China Flour Mill Co., Limited | 30,000 | \$10 | \$12 Tls. 50 \$10 | none Tis. 25,000 none | \$3,739 | Tis. 6 for 1903 | /0 | Tis. 75 sales Sto sales \$9‡ sales. |
| China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ld Drivy Farm Company, Limited | 100,000 25.000 | | \$10 \$6 Tis.50— | | \$1,171 DrTls152,318— | \$12 for year ending 31,7.1903 | ••• | \$12 buyers Tis. 40 sellers |
| Fraser and Neave, Limited | 4.500 .100,000 21,000 | \$50 \$10 \$20 | \$50 \$10 \$20 | \$112,500 \$350,000 \$186,000 | \$2,706 \$32,115 \$13,104 | \$5 div. and \$2\frac{1}{2} bonus for 1903 | 42 % | \$31 sellers \$30 sellers |
| Hongkong & China Gas Company, Limited | 7,000 | £10 | £10 | { £23,109 } £3,000 } | £7,625 | LI div. and 2/- bonus for 1903 | 71 | \$160 buyers |
| Hongkong Electric Company, Limited | 30,000 30,000 1,250 | \$100 | \$5 \$100 \$25 | \$ none: \$30,000 | \$1,747 \$4,283 | \$20 for year ending 30.1 (1002 | | \$9 buyers \$290 sellers |
| Hongkong Ice Company, Limited | 5,000 10,000 | \$25 \$50 \$10 | \$10 \$50 | \$35,000 \$50,000 | \$5 844 \$8,395 \$299 | Interim of \$4 for 1904 \$10 for 1903 Final of 70 cts, and 50 cts, bonus making \. | 61 % | \$255 \$160 \$00 |
| Hongkong Steam Waterboat Company, Limited Katz Brothers, Limited | 15 000 10,000 2,500 | \$100 \$100 | \$100 \$100 | \$2,500 \$375,000 none | \$21,582 | \$13 for 1903 | 91 % 91 % 81 % | \$135 buyers \$140 buyers |
| Maatschappij tot Mijn-, Bosch- en Landbouwex-} ploitatic in Langkat |] | , i | Gs. 100 \$10 | Tls. 334,669 Tls. 11,143 none | Tis. 27,187 \$803 | making so far Tls. 30, a/c 1904 | 121 % | Tis. 2874 sales \$27 buyers |
| S. Moutrie & Company, Limited | 4,000 | \$50 \$50 | \$50 \$50 | \$1,000 | \$832 | 30.6.04 | 7 1 % 9 % | \$55 sellers |
| Shanghai & Hongkong Dyeing and Cleaning Co., Ld. Shanghai Gas Company, Limited | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | Γls. 50 | Tls. 50 | None { Tls. 100,000 } { Tls. 108,172 } | Dr. \$5,537 Tls. 7,548 | None | 8 % | Tis. iog buyers |
| Shanghai Horse Bataar Company, Limited | 4,500 7,200 | Tis. 500 ∑20 | Γls. 100 £20 | Tis, 45 000 Tis, 10,000 Tis, 140,000 | Tls. 10,247 Tls. 3,288 Tls. 7,369 | Interim of 15/- for 1901 | 51 % | Tls. 93 sales Tls. 165 buyers Tls. 400 buyers |
| Singapore Dispensary, Limited | 600 6,000 5,010 | \$25 -\$5 | \$50 \$25 \$ 5 } | \$6,000 none | \$800 Dr. \$39,020 | None | 5 1 % | \$90 \$25 nominal \$7 |
| Steam Laundry Company, Limited | 10,000 2,000 | \$ 5 | \$ 35 | none \$45,000 | 53,644 | First year | 9ì % | S4 sellers S160 |
| Straits Trading Company, Limited | 250,000 | \$10 \$ 5 | \$10 \$ 5 | \$650,000 none | \$83,403 Dr. \$42,551 | None | 7 % | \$38 sellers |
| Tientsin Native City Waterworks Company, Ld Tientsin Waterworks Company, Limited United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited | | T.Til. 100 \$10 | 547 | none Tls. 15,259 | Tis, 413 Tis, 667 | Final of Tis: 4 making Tis, 8 for 1903/4 So cents for year ended 31-5.1904 | 69 % | T.Tis: 110 T.Tis: 130 \$91 buyers |
| Do. (Founders') Watkins, Limited | 000,001 | \$10 \$10 | \$10 \$10 | \$20,000 \$4,802 | \$180 \$1,042 | Final of 70 cents making \$1.20 for the? | 10 % | \$180 buyers \$91 sellers |
| William Powell, Limited | | DEO BEVI | | 53,000 Hongkong Teleg | ranh Company I | imited, at the Printing Office of the Company | 11. 3 | SII buyers |

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On the 4th December, 1904, at Hextable,

the 7th inst, the wife of R. SUTHERLAND, of a

MARRIAGES.

On the 25th Oct. at the Old Parish Church, Preston, Brighton, by the Rev. E. Riley, M.A., Vicar of the Parish, Major J. F. A. MCNAIR, Royal Artillery, G.E.G., late Officiating Lieutenant Governor, Penang, to MADALBNA WIL-LIAMSON, widow of the late Surgeon Major

Williamson, of H. M. 64th Regiment. On the 1st December, at the Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, by the Kev. W. Gilbert Walshe, Hugh Gibson, youngest son of the important and far-reaching changes are im late David Smith, J. P., of Woodside, Aberdeen, Scotland, to IV \ CABRUENT, daughter of the late John Smedley of Shanghali

On the 25th Cctober, of Hamburg, VINCENT

On the 27th October, at Bremen, B. A. DIERMANN, senior, aged 68 years. On 21st ult, at the General Rospital, Singapore, JAMES Mc! EOD, of the Tanjong Pager

Dock Company, Singapore, Aged 26. On 28th November, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, JOSE MARIA CASTRO, need 33 years. BERT KRAAL, of the P.W.D., aged 37 years. On 29th November, at the Shanghai Geveral Hospital, DAVID WIDLER, aged 49 years.

'On 30th November, at Shanghai, of typhoid, CHARLES HORACH MCMULLIN, R. N., H.M. .: Iphigeni , son of Colonel I. McMullin,

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HONGRONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 1904. SUNDAY LABOUR BY CHINESE.

(3rd December.)

We heard of many strange objections raised against the Chinese in the course of the recent party argument about their introduction into South Africa, but must certainly express surprise at a unique phase in a campaign which has for long been made against the Celestial in Australia. The Anti-Chinese I eague of Sydney has now devised a new method of bringing pressure to bear on the Government, with a view evidently of making further progress with the "White Australia" propaganda. In an exchange recently to hand we find that a deputation has waited upon the State Premier and complained, among other thing, that the Chinese cabinet makers carried on operations in their shops on the Sunday. Strange to relate the Premier went so far as to have a report on the subject from the Inspector-General of Police, A and when this came in it was found that under 29 Charles II., chap. 7, any person following his ordinary calling on the Lord's Day was liable to a penalty or 5s, and in default of payment to be placed in the stocks for two hours. 'The default part of the penalty sayours somewhat of modern days in Hongkong. It seems that at one time the police endeavoured to secure a conviction under the Act against a market gardener and others, but were beaten on their own ground, for when the country they refused to pay the fine. Consequently, as a Sydney contemporary points out, the Act, to all intents and purposes, is a dead letter. The Inspector-General, however, reported that persons carrying on the pak-ah-pu business have been vigorously prosecuted whenever the necessary evidence has been obtained. Recently, when Sub-inspector Hinds, of the Sydney police, proceeded against a Chinaman for selling a pak-ah-pu lottery ticket, counsel for the defence took the point that the Act 4 George IV., chap. 60, was not in force in that State. The matter was taken before the Full Court, and as it was held that the Act was in force, special leave was then given to appeal to the High Court on the point. Pending the decision no further action has since been taken against persons selling pak-ah-pu tickets, hence the it crease of the pak-ah-pu business. The Inspector-General intimated, in conclusion, that fresh legislation will be necessary a stop is to be put to persons following their callings on Sunday. It is to be hoped that the Government will not go to such extraordinary lengths as to give way to the peculiar cant and Jargon exhibited by the League. In Hongkong, we have practically every Chinese shop open throughout the whole year, and Sunday labour is the same with the Chinaman as that performed on any other day. We suffer no inconvenience, nor does the British public at home from the -fact-that thousands of shops are open during the Sabbath the same, we doubt not, as is the case in Australia. Bigotry goes a long

home than motes elsewhere. NAVY REFORMS.

way with those whose duty should first aroune

(5th Decomber.) Several weeks since we alluded to the decision of the Admiralty to withdraw the sloop class of vessels from the China station, and on Saturday pointed out that this may be regarded as the first instalment of the reforms promised from Whitehall. The good work begun by Lord Goschen is being carried forward by the present First Lord of the Board of Admiralty with a result that many pending in the Navy. The London Weekly Graphie, which is unusually woll-informed on | drastic ones should be forced.

first line news, recently published a forecaste of what these are to be. Summed up they are as follows: -The coastguard is to be abolished. The oil fuel experiments of the Admiralty have been rewarded with success, They have rendered themselves independent of the Shell Transport Company by the purchase of an oil field guaranteeing them a On the 28th November at Serangoon, Ro- perpetual supply for the future. There is to he an enlargement of the Admiralty by the infusion of younger blood, understudying and assisting the senior men. There to be a gradual reduction of sur geons, paymasters, and chaplains affoat, by the introduction of civilians performing, equivalent duties on shore for short spells of service affoat. Two-year commissions are daring almost unparalleled in history, the to be gradually introduced. There is also besiegers gradually swept the Russians back to be a gradual withdrawal of all non-fighting ships: A concentration of squadrons is to themselve their own entrenchbe brought about, and the cruiser squadrons will in future be detailed to visit distant parts. Hanging in the balance, says our authority, is a decision on which the toughest fight will rage within the Admiralty itself. There is a party in favour of the promotion of captains to rear-admiral rank by selection.

JAPAN AS TRADE RIVAL.

(7th December.)

success of Japan in the present war menace to our commercial supremacy, and they will have point given to their arguments by certain statements made at the annual meeting of a chemical manufacturing company in London. It was there asserted that, while in the past they had mainy to meet French and Belgian competition in the manufacture of artificial fertilisors, they had now to face a new competitor. This was Japan, which was making a bold effort to capture the trade in the Australian colonies. The Japanese, it was stated, worked with many advantages. They had their phosphates nearer to their hand. They had lower freights to Australia, and their labourers were only paid two shillings a week, whereas the men belonging to the company in question "groaned and grumbled," if they did not get about £2 a week. This is no doubt a serious matter for the chemical manufacturers, although it is not likely that the Australians find it a cause for complaint. If we remember cor was at the recent Socialist Congress at Amsterdam that the Japanesc representative dis- thantion to the fact that his countrymen in the Par East are already, as they hear of the higher wages, enjoyed by their fellows in Europe and America, clamouring for equal rates of pay. Therefore, there does not appear to be any need for undue pessimism on the part of companies at home over the high wages paid to their workmen compared with what the Japanese labourer receives.

REF 'RM IN RUSSIA.

Von Plehve's successor in the conduct o Russian internal affairs must be credited with having materially assisted the move ment for reorganizing the intellectual and moral forces of the Empire of the Tzar. The new Minister of the Interior has avowed a true and broad liberalism, so far as that is consistent with existing institutions, and has expressed himself in favour of granting greater power to local communal assemblies to deal that man is General Stoessel. with their own affairs. These are small, but important, features of a programmo that should conduce to contentment among a large number of Russian subjects, and astelegraphic intelligence was received the other day to the effect that the reform movement is spreading, there seems as though a idue, and on that principle it is only fair to serious attempt is now being made to pacify I congratulate the Government on its efforts the down-trodden subjects of the Tzar. Of to raise cattle locally. Some time since the course, there is room for doubting whether Colonial Veterinary-Surgeon visited the the new minister will find himself-vested steater part of the cultivated land in the with the full power necessary to pilot his I New Territory, principally with a view to findown policy should his Imperial ruler per- ing some suitable district for the rearing of £28,578,608, including imports £17,460,384, mit of the duty devolving upon him of super- cattle, and in a subsequent report to intending the administration he may be Government he expressed the opinion that relied upon to carry out his work with the plateau on Lantao Island was the best moderation and prudence. There are many locality. This, however, has its drawbacks. who argue, and with considerable weight, for although grass is plentiful in the locality tons, or 34 per cent., and the United States that Russia is not intellectually prepared applingtheralny season, there is a want of water shipping about 143,000 tons, or 27 per cent. for constitutional transition because of the throughout the summer months. It certainly While British shipping shows this satisfactory fact that she has no aristocratic or seems strange that with more than four and steady advance, and is a long way ahead middle classes marked out for leadership bundred aquare miles of land at our discapable of checking the passions behind possi on the Kowloon Hinterland there are them. It is recognised that hitherto the no districts better spited to the rearing on the other hand, owing to the large ton-Tzar has ruined Russia by repressing, in his of foreign cattle, and while recognising that mage of the steamers now employed in the purpose throughout the nation can be excited, the terricing of the hills, that they have any years ince the opening of the ports in 1868. reorganization of the Empire must and it the nast. Many experiments are at present show an increase are rice, flour, and sugar,

PORTARTHUR BOMBARDMEN (8th December)

The telegrams which are now coming in from Tokio and are being circulated in Hongkong by the Consul for Japan show that the final stages of the great slege have nearly finished. It was in the early part of July that the Japanese, after securing the whole of Kwangtung pedinsula, except Port Arthur, found themselves with not only that magnificent fortress and its encircling line of forts to overcome, but also the outlying entrenchments and fortified positions. By successive assaults, carefully planned, and carried out with a fierce determination and reckless into the forts. They then attacked the forts ments, measur and nearer, and holding tenaciously upon every inch of ground occupied. The key of the strong-hold was believe to be the forts immediately dominating the gorge through which the railway line entered Port Arthur from Mukden and the North. It was found impossible, however, to make much impression, because the forts had been so arranged that when one was taken it became immediately exposed to the fire of the others. All through the recent There are many people who see in the operations the Japanese artillery has been able to reach every part of the doomedcity, and since the capture of 203-Metre Hiller the key of the enemy's main girdle of defences, has been sweeping the harbour with heavy siege guns and doing almost irreparable damage to warships and property. From being a finelybullt town and fortress, Port Arthur is now little more than a heap of wrecked walls, with the garrison sheltering in the bombproof cellan; and day after day the ruined streets and shattered buildings are rained uponiby shell and fire from the Japanese guns, Mr. M. Noma now announces that the besteging army have succeeded in securing positions which are close to dominating forts on the other side. . It is merely a matter of time before these go down under the withering fire and irresistible assault of the Japanest and once these are broken Port Arthur, as a fortress in being, will have ceased to exist. The end is thus very near; although days of flerce lighting may still "have to come to bring it about. It is thought in some quarters that even after the town has fallen the garrison may retire to the heights on the Tiger's Tail peninsula and Liaotishan, on which hitherto the besiegers have failed to make any impression, and that here General Stoessel will make his last stand. The fortifications there are said to consist of some three or four batteries of which the armament is unknown, while stretching away from the peninsula to the Liantishan mountains is a line of forts armed with 6 inch. guns. It may be here that the gallants soldiers of the "zar may prolong the useless struggle and bloodshed for several weeks more. But, whether this he so or not, the Japanese have now reached a stage at which they can see the fruit o their months of indomitable energy and desperate daring almost within their grasp, and although the cost has been appalling the story of the siege will leave on history a testimony which can never be erased of the grim determination of the besiegers and the gallant defence of the besieged. Above all will be remembered the name of one man

> CATTLE RAISING IN HONGKONG.

(9th December.) Credit should be given where credit is

on the importation of cattle from China, increased growth of the Japanese industry, Many years ago we used to get American, which is gradually but surely ousting Lanand Australian cows of European stock for cashire coarse counts from the market. Of dalry purposes, and although they continue the woollen manufactures, which came to be imported by one or two dairy farm companies in the Colony, so far as their serges show a slight increase, while the imbreeding and rearing on an extensive scale are concerned this has hitherto proved disappointing. Apart from the apparent difficulties of securing suitable pasturage, one has to contend against numerous endemic diseases that present themselves in these parts. We have seen during the past few months that epidemics of illness occur amongst the cattle from time to time with disastrous effects, and the cost of replacing cattle in Hongkong that have to be imported from countries so far distant as America. or Australia almost bars success from a commercial point of view. This subject is by no means new, and crops up from time to time. In a recent issue of a medical contemporary we note they are now advocating the appointment of a scientific commission of trained experts to investigate the diseases of 'domestic' animals in the Far East with a view to increasing the food supplies of Europeans in these regions. We are there told that, under the term 'rinderpest' in cattle, in the tropics all events, is grouped as many different ailments as were at one time arranged under the name of malaria in human beings. It is the nature of this scourge in cattle that must be elucidated if we are to entertain hopes of success in the future of maintaining European-bred animals in tropical countries. We know that investigations of cattle disease in Manila have been proceeding on an extensive scale. Several months ago a commission was appointed to carefully study the question with the result that quite a new group of diseases have come to light, and it is now necessary to differentiate these and to consider how immunity is to be accomplished. 'There seems no doubt,' says our contemporary, 'that the native cattle in fire. China are immune to some extent at least to several ailments. Cattle which appeared quite healthy were taken from Hongkong to Manila and their blood injected into foreign cattle recently arrived from America. The result was a deadly infection of the foreign animals with "rinderpest." But the suspected "rinderpest" proved to be identical with Texas fever, and the belief which obtains at present is that Chinese cattle are immune to attacks of Texas fever, but that | December 3 and 5, several of which, especitheir blood injected into foreign imported ally the Pobieda and Retvisan, were observcattle sets up the disease actively. The tick necessary for the spread of Texas fever is present in the Philippines, and probably in South China, so that, even if the pyroplasmal disease is not already in the Far East, given the importation of American cattle and the presence of the necessary tick, the spread of the disease is pretty sure to follow.' The question is one affecting not only Furopean residents, but the increasing armies and navies of the various powers in the Far East demand an increasing amount of fresh meat 'In time it is possible sheep may be reared, but it will necessitate a radical change in the agriculture of the Far East, as the kind of grass which is necessary for the maintenance of sheep does not grow in these regions naturally. Having no sheep, therefore, to draw upon for food, and with an inferior kind of native cattle, except a small supply of so-called "Kobe beef" from Japan, the question of the rearing of cattle in the

FIGURES AND REFLECTIONS

factor of no little importance.

Far East is likely to become a political

According to the British Consular report on the trade of the district of Kobe for the year 1903, the port is steadily going ahead, there being an increase of more than 13 per cent. In the amount collected in 1902. The total trade of the Consular district amounted to and exports £11,118,224, but more notably British shipping, to the extent of close on 109,000 tons, or about 20 per cent, of the total increase, Japanese shipping, 184,000 of all other nationalities, Germany has remained almost stationary; the United States, stead of stimulating, the thought and energy the cultivated land is now practically con- trans-Pacific carrying trade, shows a big inof its people, and unless new effort and fined to the valleys, there is no doubt, from crease, the largest amount of trade done in and disciplined by constitutional reform the yielded their share of wealth-giving crops in As regards imports, the principal items which fallure. The framing of a policy of reform being carried on in the New Territory, and while the import of raw cotton shows a confor the people is difficult to accomplish, get cultivation should be resumed on a more siderable falling off. The export of cotton tentative changes have to be made lest more extensive scale in the near future. It is yarn showed an increase of £1,077,446 over because of the lack of this that Hongkong last years figures. The import of cotton on Tuesday for collecting the dead.

lias now to depend for its supply of livestock | yarn again shows a big decrease, due to the chiefly from the United Kingdom; cloth and port of cloth, part wool, and Italian cloth has considerably declined. The general tendency in woollen and worsted cloths seems to he pointing to a complete change in the requirements of the market. The manufacture of flannels in Osaka has greatly improved, and the importation bas therefore decreased considerably. Woollen blankets are being produced very satisfactorily, ikewise a kind of army cloth, which promises to be a severe competitor of the imported article. The return of shipping entered at the port of Kobe during 1903 gives an increase over 1902 of 252 vessels and 536,000 tons, and in this increase all nationalities appear to have participated.

TELEGRAMS.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH! SERVICE.

THE WAR.

PORT ARTHUR FLEET ANNIHILATED.

FURTHER DAMAGE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

I ondon, December 8th, 6.20 p.m.

The correspondent of the Central News Agency at Port Arthur telegraphs that the Port Arthur fleet is annihilated.

The first class cruiser Bayan has been burned, and the battleship Sevastopol sunk by Japanese shell-

PORT ARTHUR BOMBARDMENT

RUSSIAN WARSHIPS DAMAGED.

Mr. M. Noma, Consul for Japan, has kindly forwarded to us the following toler grams:--

Tokio, December 6th, 5.28 p.m. The Port Arthur army reports that our

naval guns bombarded the Russian ships on ed to be hit repeatedly, On the afternoon of December 5 the

enemy's powder magazine, south of Pohyushan, was struck by shells and exploded. causing a conflagration which lasted over two hours.

On December 5 the bombardment by our heavy guns also worked effectively on the Russian ships in the harbour, including the Pollava, from which thick volumes of smoke rose, continuing one hour.

The besieging operations against Sungshushan and the forts to the East continued day and night.

On December 4 our forces captured two

quick-firers in a caponier at Urlungshan. On December 6 the heavy siege guns renewed the bombardment against the Russian ships with satisfactory results. The

bombardment is still continuing. [The battleship Pobleda is one of the largest now at Port Arthur having a total displacement of 12,674 tons. She is 400 feet in length and

has a speed of 18 knots. The Retvisan is another large warship of 12.700 tons and was disabled on the outbreak of war at Port Arthur, but it has since been reported that the damage forward amidships has been made good. She is 374 feet in length

and is reputed to be equal to 18 knots. The battleship Policya was among those badly damaged by being struck amidships at Port Arthur on the opening of hostilities. She has a displacement of ro,960 tons, is 367 feet in length and used to be capable of steaming 16.2 knots.—ED., H.K. T.]

"POLTAVA" SUNK "RETVISAN" SINKING.

Tokio, 7th December, 2.6 p.m. The Commander of the Naval Artillery Corps at Port Arthur reports that since the and last., the bombardment continues daily with considerable effect against the Russian ships anchored south of Pehyushan, which have been hit so far by at least 134 shots. The observation from 203-Metre Hill on the morning of 6th inst. showed the Pollaga sunk and the Retvisan heeling considerably to port. Both ships are believed to be unfit for action or navigation,

HOSTILITIES SUSPENDED

TO COLLECT DEAD,

Tokio, 7th December, 2.10 p.m. The Port Arthur Army reports that the enemy on Akasakayama, being unable to withstand our plunging fire from 203-Metro Hill, evacuated it entirely. We occupied it on Tuesday. We captured also two other hills near Itszushan on the same day. We consented to a five hours suspension of hostilities proposed by the enemy's parlementaire

THE DAMAGE TO WARSHIPS.

" PERESVIET" AFIRE,

Tokio, 8th December, 11.30 a.m. The Port Arthur army reports that the bombardment against the Russian ships on

Wednesday was fruitful. Many shots took effect on the Pallada, Peresviet and Pobleda.

The Peresviet took fire at 3.15 p.m while the Pobjeda heeled to port.

Tokio, 8th December, 1.45 p.m.

The commander of the Naval Artillery Corps reports that observations from the 203-Metre Hill on Wednesday afternoon, showed the Retvisan totally submerged up to the sternwalk, apparently resting on her

The Pobleda was listing considerably to was one of the most brilliant examples of that port; her hull being below the waterline and exposed to the westward.

STATE OF RUSSIAN WARSHIPS AT PORT ARTHUR.

Tokio, 8th December, 8.25 p.m. The Commander of the Naval Artillery reports that on Thursday at 2.30 p.m. the actual state of the Russian ships was as follows:—the Peresviet sunk to the stern-walk; the Pollava, Retvisan and Pobleda were all rounk to the upper deck; the Pallada was heeling to port; the Bayan was on fire; and the Sevastopol, alongside a crane at the eastern side of the harbour, was invisible, excepting a portion of the masts.

On Thursday the bombardment was principally directed at the three latter ships.

PORT ARTHUR FLEET.

FURTHER DAMAGE

Tokio, 9th December, 1.25 p.m. The Naval staff with the Port Arthur army on Thursday evening reported that the Pullada had taken fire and heeled to port

with stern down. Eleven shots also told on the Gilrak. The Bayan took fire at 11.30 a.m. and

was blazing until 4.15 p.m. The Commander of the Naval Artillery reports that the Amor was, on Thursday, hit around the stern by fourteen shots, and sank.

Many shots greatly damaged the godowns and other buildings near Pehyushan and the

ACTION AGAINST TRAMWAY CO

FOR WAGES.

8th inst.

At the Civil Summary Court this morning, before Mr. T. Sercombe Smith (Puisne Judge), Fung Tsoi, a motorman, sued the Hongkong Electric Tramway Company, for the recovery of \$16:58 balance due for wages. Mr. O. H. Thomson appeared for the plaintiff

and Mr. H. W. Looker, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker, and Deacon, defended.

Ordinance 45 of 1902, should have come before a Magistrate.—Mr. Thomson pointed out that section 24 of the same Ordinance covered ling. If such were not the case—which it asthe objection which His Honour over-ruled.

It appeared that the plaintiff entered the defendants' employ on July 1st of this year and remained until November 12th being paid at the rate of \$6.92 per week, but he only actually received \$89.96, the balance claimed bein

were entitled to deduct 22 days' pay for fines. etc., in respect of breach of rules.

read the rules, as he had not hid time. had no idea of the rules. He could only read the simplest characters. The compradore gave him a book of the rules, and when plaintiff | amaze at such an act. told him he could not read, he said, "Oh; get someone to read them to you." ness had not done so as he had not had time. He went to work at 2:30 p.m. each day and as a rule did not finish until after midnight. He admitted having been frequently fined, which sums were deducted from his weekly wages. Judgment for defendants.

EXTRADITION CASE.

IMPORTANT DECISION.

The case which the man, Harrison Noble. was wanted in Manila on extradition on charges of alleged embezzlement, as already recorded in these columns, and which had been remanded. was called on before Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz at moon to-day; when His Worship gave the following judgment:-It is urged for the defence that no connection has been established between the United States of America, and the Philippine Islands. I consider that in the absence of rebutting evidence this is shown by the inscription "United States of America-Government of the Philippine Islands" on the seal on the request for extradition, addressed to the Governor of Hongkong by the Governor of the Philippine Islands. It is urged that there is no evidence as to the status of the Philippine Islands, and that as they were ceded be taken to be an integral part of the territory people to death. of the United States of America; as a State or Territory, In that case demand for extradition should be made by the Federal Government through a Minister of State or Consular Officer Only in the case of colonies or dependencies can requisitions for extradition be by Governors. I hold that as there is no evidence thatthe Philippine Islands are an integral part of the United States of America either as a State or a: Territory I must presume that the Governor of the Philippine Islands has acted regularly and legally, and that therefore the Philippine Islands are either a colony or dependency of the United States of America. I hold that the depositions and the warrant! though not authenticated according to the provisions of the Extradition Act of 1870, are so according to section 23 of Evidence Ordinance of 1889, As to the charges, it and 2, larceny by a servant, at the date when these charges were laid the defendant was not the veryant of Seligman, inor had the latter then any interest in the business. As to 3, and 4, the deposits were made with defendant personally. This is not emberzlement by English law. As to 4 and 5, larceny by a servant, there is nothing in

the depositions to show that all the money

taken, if any was taken, was not so taken

before Seligman had an interest in the business

or became the master of the defendant. The

defendant is therefore discharged.

CURRESPUNDENCE.

We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.]

> MR. DYER BALL ON THE ENGLISHMAN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TRLEGRAPH" Sin, It was with much interest that I read an account of him Dyer Ball's lecture at the Y. M. C. A. on Sunday evening; and was particularly struck by the pains to which he went to belittle those of his own race, and the general pro-Chinese tone of his discourse. The one is pictured as a blustering, overbearing tarant, and the other as a meek, patient, and downtrodden individual. Now do you know, Mr Ball, I always thought England was the most successful colonising country in existence, and that her success was mainly attributable to her conciliatory rather than aggressive policy, combined with a marked serse of impurtial justiceand that the Colony of Hongkong in particular

A fact of which Mr. Dyer Hall must be fully cognisant, (I am aware that the lecturer was dealing with European influence in the broad sense; but as he on more than one accusion directly cites cases which involve Englishmen, and as they are the preponderating influence in the Far East, it is of no utility to get b hind the screen of "European") is that E- glishmen do not leave their native land and come out to China with t e intention of exercising a sentimiental influence over the native population, but solely with commercial aims -w th the exception of the salaried missionaries, about whom more later. the majority of them would decidedly resent the notion of being regarded as their "brother's keeper,' a burden which Mr. Ball would impose on them. The reason Mr. Ball gives for desiring to saddle them with this responsibility is that "they know how a younger looks up to his elder brother and copies him." This argument scarcely holds good as between the Europeans and the Chi nese. I was under the impression that the last-named race were proud and tenacious of their antiquity, their traditions, and their customs, and would be far more inclined to regard the man from the West'as the younger and more inexperienced " brother" rather than accept him as a mentor, and "take their cue" from

Mr. Dyer Ball is able to "recognise the good work of missionaries and their example." | will be remembered as a historical year. B suading the majority of laymen. (British na. | commulities that the year be fittingly celebrate tionality in the East to regard these good folk | ed in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary, as anything but sowers of discordand hindranges of the proclamation of the dogma of the Immato the expansion of trade. The day has long since | culate Conception. In Hongkong where those gone by when preachers of the Gospel went forth "with neither purse nor scrip" Anyway such a fashion is not in vogue in i him at the lit was but to be expected that the demonstrapresent day. It is common knowledge that t'e troubles in this country have been mainly a form in keeping with the ancient traditions caused through these missionaries, to the existing rivalries between the two Unurches and their branches, and to the means adopted to proselytise the "heathen." It is not against the man of commerce that "John" has any grievance—he is always ready to meet him on a business footing; but the "younger brother," who was civilised when his "elder brother" was yet in his primitive condition, has a decided-and not without reason-objection to be called upon to abandon the religion of his ancestors. Missionaries may do good work, but it is open to question whether we should not be better without them.

Mr. Ball is of opinion that, from seeing a few instances where Europeans h ve shown a lack of morality, the Chinese conclude that the en-At the outset Mr. Looker raised an objection [tire race must be cast in the same mould, Now that His Honour had no jurisdiction to deal | the average Chinem n-especially those in the treaty ports, which Mr. Bull cites as an exemple-is not lacking in common-sense, and may be trusted to form a just opinion on that head suredly is not -it would indeed be "very sad." Mr. tall deplores the fact that, just when the Chinese in Canton "were beginning to know when it was Sunday because the river steamers did not arrive on that day," some iniquitous ship-owners threw them back into their original | tion present was a large one. The interior of state of darkness by commencing to run them The defendant company claimed that they again. Very wrong, no doubt, but not a whi worse than is to be seen in any civilized seaport city of any size throughout the world. In light blue and white hangings the emble-Cross-examined, plaintiff said he had not And yet at home the clergy—even Bishops make it a general practice to travel by rail and boat in discharge of their duties on a Sunday, and no one so much as raises an eyebrow in

Then he goes on to say "they had their ten commandments, and they were broken right before the heathen." Mr. Ball does not appear to have a very estimable opinion of his fellowcountrymen when he tales in this strain. Let him just run through the ten, and he will see that the spectacle of all ten being broken "right before the heathen" would indeed be an edifying one. This is certainly a goss libel on the English-speaking race. And then, if such were the case, would not the much-extolled missionaries be better employed in rectifying the morals of their fellow-countrymen rather than in creating dissension among the natives? At present—and I speak of Hongkong in particular—it is a lamentable fact that unless a young fellow fresh out from Home seeks the clergy himself, they will never seek

Mr. Ball takes occasion to go back a matter of 57 years to instance a case of a party of Englishmen being murdered-"out and out," Mr. Ball, please, spite of your attempt to gloss the matter over-for striking a village elden But never a word does he say about the gross outrages that have been perpetrated p n the defenceless women and chi'dren of the white rac by the Chirese.

It is also another gross libe to say that there sare "continually cases of thinese who happened to have enlarged spleen or other matadies succumbing to kicks from Englishmen." An Englishman may strike a man, but, except in by Spain as the result of conquest they must very rare instances, is not given to keeing

> So far as these same ill-treated persons 'having "more brains than themselves," it is a moot point. Possibly they are there, but they lie in most instances dormant, or are perverted into pernicious channels.

> With regard to Mr. Ball's assertion that the Rusopean owes his whiter skin to his residence in colder countries, scientists do not bear him out. The two races are quite desimilar, and will ever remain to. Possibly Mr. Ball will contend that the Chinese may attribute their decidedly unclassical cast of countenance to the same cause!

So far as more friendly relations between "foreigners" and all things foreign ere this can come about. He has always shown a hostile spirit to the European, and it is to be feared will never overcome his deep-rooted antagonism to all things which augur reform. —I am, &c.,

ALBION. Hongkong, 8th December.

MR! Detting the Commissioner of I.M. Cust toms, and Chang Yeng-manager proceedings to of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company to the Chinese Government.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR VISITS ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

Notwith tanding ther many and pressing duties pertaining to his officer Hiff. the Governor makes time in which to gain a the Church, practical acquaintance of the system of educating the juvenile members of the community. In company with his aide-decamp, His Excellency this morning went to St. Joseph's College and there saw something of the excellent work being carried on at this institution. Upon his arrival one of the students made an address of welcome on behalf of the students in the course of which he said they recognised in His Excellency no merely the heat of His Majesty's Government entitled to their loyalty, not merely the benevolent Governor of Hongkong, well deserving of their aff ction, but they saw especially a true-hearted educationist, solic tous not only of the wealthy few, but of the great mass of the rising generation. The school building on a very desirable site and so well adapted for its purpose as an edicational establishment, represents, he said, rather their aspirations and the expectations of their friends than the extent of their knowledge. It would he gratifying to His Excellency to know that with special pleasure, they looked forward to the prize distribution. They believed that prizes, ike steadfast labour and habits of clear perception, were things to be desired as tending to their higher intellectual development, and ought therefore to be encouraged as one of the most valuable means of education. And on this ground they hoped he would preside at their prize distribution.

The Rev. Fr. de Maria conducted H.E. around the class rooms, and Sir Matthew appeared pleased with the replies which received to various questions he put to the students, and subsequently promised to be present at the prize distribution next week He thanked them for their kind welcome and also acknowledged a ringing cheer which the scholars gave him as he left the building.

JUBILBE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

CELEBRATIONS AT HONGKONS.

Throughout the Roman Catholic wor d 1904 I am afraid he will have some difficulty in per- | Papal ecree it was enjoined upon the Catholic born and broug tup in the faith of the Church of Rome are numerically such a large body tions on this particular occasion would assume of the mid-established faith. The organization of the local festivities was delegated to a committee of civilians with the Pro-Vicar, the Rev. Fr. P. de Maria (is the absence of His Lordship Bishop Piazzoli) as its chairman ex officio, Mr. J. F. Kranl, hon, secretary, and Mr. Fran-. cisco Tse Yat, hon, treasurer. The central committee was efficiently assisted in all itsfunctions by ub-committees who were placed in charge, respectively, of the decorations, the illuminations, and the musical part of the programme formulated as a result of their joint deliberations.

The preliminary festivities in Hongkong commenced on the 17th September last and werenurely of a religious character. The Celebration Days were fixed for the 7th- 1th December, the principal day being the 8th, when the feast of the Immaculate Conception is usually; O. Baptista, the Church organist, with the assistance of members of the Portuguese Sociedade Philarmonica, rendering the vocali and instrumental parts of the Many try Merchdance. At the morning service the congregathe large cathedral at Glenealy, so difficult of successful treatment in the matter of decoration, was, on this occasion, most effectively draped! matic colours of the B V. M. From the lolty roof on either side of the nave in graceful folds were suspended the spotless while drapery interspersed with blue, the pillars being similarly treated in a single sheet of loose hanging of the same material. Over the centre of the transcept a crown was held in suspension, with radiating hangings to the four massive pillars at each corner. At the base of the pillars on the nor.h and south transcepts palms, kindly lent by the Superintendent of the Potanical and Afforestation Department, were displayed to good effect: Along the aisle the same verdant plants and others in pots were tastefully arranged. The main altar never appeared prettier: the very simplicity of the decorations, consisting only of fresh cut flowers and four metal palms expressly ordered from France, together with the wax tapers befitted the solemnity of the tabernacle that held the Holy. of Holies. The statue of the Virgin occupied its conspicuous position in the centre of the altar under the gilt dome, the gift of a Portuguese gentleman. , We'should have preferred, I sights of the city. however, to see it without this superfluous piece if ornamentation as, well as without the expensive gold and silver halo embellished with precious stones subscribed for by generous lady devotees. Those ornaments accord indrewith the mediceval age of culture when outward appearance appealed to the soul rather than the way and must not be taking as detracting from the merit of the munificence of the donors,

or of their religion fervour. THE PROCESSION.

The afternoon service saw the largest congregation that ever met under the roof of the Roman Catholic Cathedral in the Colony. Besides the members of that persuasion there were a large number of people, including many Chinese and European lad es, who took their stand in the Cathedral compound at every point of vantage to watch the progress of the procession as it wended its slow-way-twice round. There were besides the usual motley crowd of Chinese specta ors. The behaviour of the large co course of people was marked by b coming reverence, and the maintenance of order never required any extraneous interle enceeven in the

evening when the illuminations were on. Suciedade Philarmonica, Benediction was Bro. J. Vansione,

subsequently held; the Altar looked, indeed, beautiful; the electric-light effect was simply magnificent. As the congregation knelt down in solemn silence on the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament the scene was touching and the reverence bespoke the faith such as is inspired by total obedience to the octrines of

THE ILLUMINATIONS.

o'clock, and when darkness was setting in.

As the people left the precincts of the sacred

building by the eastern entrance attention was

attracted to the Campanille, by the brilliancy

of the illumination on the northern face of the

The ceremony was over shortly before ix

structure. It exhibited an artistic transparency of the Virgin trampelling on a serpent. The | Boiled Potatoes light colour of the life-like pic ure was sh wn on a white ground lit up at the back by 36 electric lamps of 16 candle power each. The Fruit Jelly fram measured frem end to end 11 ft. 9 in. by 7 ft. 6 in Surmounting the cictur of the Madonna was a huge device, "Ave Maria," the letters | Cheese being entwined in a monogram, and over this was placed the crown in white and redand green electric light bulbs in imitation of gems. The effect was grand and ev ry credit must be accorded Mr. M. A. Baptista by whom the whole was designed, the Hongkong Electric Co carrying out his plan to perfection. Plain white Japinese lanterns compléted the illumination of the Campanille. The Cathedral itself appeared one mass of light in the theusands of white lanterns. Viewed at close quarters of die not appear to advantage, although it showed out conspicuously from the harbour against the dark background of China firs on the hillside. The seminarists' quarters contiguous with the Mission House was favourably commented upon. The fairy-like appearance of the many colours enclosing large initials reading Ave Maria shown in light blue was an ingenious piece of workmanship on the part of the Rev. Fr. Augustine. St. Joseph's College as usua was excellent with its immense northern frontage blazing in myriads of lanterns. Mission House does not lend itself too well for artistic display. The arches only were illuminated. Of the private residences in " Glenealy" the most attractive was undoubtedly the well known "Duart," the residence of Conselveiro A G. Romano, Portuguese Consul-General A large-sized star in gas jets looked beautiful over the gateway, although its permanent effect was at times lost whenever a stiff breeze blew out the light. Mrs. Rozario's residence at the Public Garden western gateway displayed on the verandah the initials "I C" in script letters surmounted by a crown, the whole being lighted by gas. "Villa Maria" showed against the windows several transparencies; the figures 1854 in one and 1904 in another were their principal features. On the Caine Road level Italian Convent made the best showing. "Viva Maria Immaculada" picked out in white fairy lamps stretched from end to end of the wall on the road frontage. Over the illuminated inscription a line of coloured lanterns completed the Convent's display. The Spanish Procuration was a disappointment. The magnificent frontage which the buildings of this wealthy Corporation enjoy might have been capable of the most successful and the best result. As it was not much pains appear to have been bestowed on the whole get up; the commonplace arrangement of coloured lanterns was neither beautiful nor was it in harmony with the unique character of the Catholic festivity. What was an apology for a transparency at the entrance was so poorly lit up by an ordinary kerosene table lamp that it was only with the East to receive that highest honour by him. difficulty that the subject could be recognised asa replica of the famous picture of the Madonna. The premises of the Missions Entrangeres were no more attractive, and he failure of these two Missions to do more than what they displayed last evening is anything but praiseworthy observed. As set out in the official programmet to the two Corporations who possess the means Solemn High Mass, officiated by the Pro-Vicari no less than the ability to excel in the and assisted by the Clergy, was celebrated in efforts to commemorate in Hongkong such a unthe morning, a special choir conducted by Mr. | ique occasion in the history of the R C. Church. Although we leave to the last the mention of the illumination in the Club huilding of the Portuguese semmunity we do not by that in sinuate that it was the poorest. Indeed, but for

the fact that comparisons are invidious we are inclined to think that the legend "Ave Maria put up in the most conspicuous part of the Lusitano Club last evening is about as pretty, if simple a piece of illumination as we saw anywhere last night. Electricity was responsible for the brilliance of the design; each of the initials in the word "Maria" occupied one of the five arches of the building and on the top "Ave" hailed the symbolic greeting to the B V.M. It may be mentioned, by the way, that in the evening the club directors were "at home" to members and their friends. The occasion was availed of by many ladies and i pleasant evening's 18 e-a-181e was spent in the spacious tall and verandah of the Club, By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. W. S.

Birdwood and Officers, the Band of the 110th Mahraita Light Infantry discoursed a pleasing -selection of music at Glenealy, while the illumination was kept up; the performance delighted the large crowd that gathered together to enjoy the sight on an ideal evening from an atmospheric point of view, Passengers by the "Star" Ferry going and returning from Kowloon last night were parti-

cularly struck by the beauty of the illuminations as shown at the heights of Glenealy and it was fairly generally remarked that the festivities taken as a whole were, indeed, one of the Congratulations must be extended to those responsible for the local celebrations of the

jubilee for the success that attended their labours, in particular to those upon whom devolved the question of ways and means. In this connection must be mentioned Senher A. G. Romano. and Messrs F. M. Graça and Francisco Tse YRt. inward devotion. Our observation is only by: All the members of the sub-committee contributed their valuable quota, while Mr. Baptista to whom we have already alluded revives the memory of his deceased father in his artistic production; and, lastly, to Mr J. F. Kraal, the indefatigable hon, secretary, the stare of credit falls not unworthily for a great deal that con- Violin colo., The Broken Melody ... Bro. Jenkins. tributed to make the occasion so memorable with the Catholics in Bongkong.

FREEMASONRY.

LODGE NAVAL AND MILITARY, 818 (SC)

The Installation Ceremony in connection

with the above Lodge took place at the Masonic In the procession the various confraternities | Hall, Zetland Street, last evening, in the prethok part. The members of each were headed sonce of a large number of members of the the two races being possible is concerned, the by their respective presidents carrying the Lodge, and visiting brethren. The ceremony Chinaman must overcome his prejudices against banners of the different order. The Apostles of Installation was performed by the District ship of Prayer was represented by the youthink Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of members of the Ca holic Uni n with their dis- | cottish Freem sonry in Hongkong and South tinctive badges. A feature of the procession is China, Wor. Bro. Dr. fordan, after which the the society of the thau, hters of Mercy in whose | newly installed Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. F. J. W. sisterhood are included the girls of the Italian | as', appointed and invested h s officers for the | ballad, the only tune he knew, as a polea, a Convent and the Asile de la Ste, Enfance ac-, ensuing, year as follows: Immediate Past companied by the Sisters of both Crdeis. Master Wor. Bro P. D. Hvett, Wor. 8, Many little mites were dressed to represent W. Bro. A. W. Hill, Wor. J. W. Bro. T. Lyons, violin solos of Mr. Jenkins being really ad R.G. 1, 93rd Co. 6: angles, the artificial wings of fluffy white pap, r reasurer Bro. J. Johnson, Secretary Bro. J. J. mir ble. Bro. Allwork proved himself a most Craigengower ... 6 attached to their white garments making them Blake, Senior Deacon Bro. E. Day, Junior efficient mandolinist, whilst the singing of Civil Service ... 6 look very picturesque. The little girls carried Deacon Bro. W. J. Munge, Organist Bro. A. A. bunches of evergreens with white lilies . The | Caesar, Director of Ceremonies Brai. Webb, | was enjoyable to a degree. Landon to negotiate there about the testoring instrumental accompaniment during the proces- Inner Guard Bro. G. W. Coysh, Stellings Bros. sion was supplied by the brass band of the W. J. Gast and C. H. Parkinson, and Tyler came to a termination at midnight, with the

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the brothren repaired to the D ning Hall where an admirable repast had been prepared by the proprietors of the Kin, Edward 110 el, and to which it is needless to add full justice was done. The menu was as follows:--

Turtle Soup Lobster Salad Roast Beel Roast Turkey

Boiled Ham Pate de foie gras in Jelly ... Cold Carned Beef Roast Pheasant Roast Wild Duck Plain Salad

Roast Potatoes Green Peas Boiled Cabbage

Mince Pies

Butter Pound Cake

Crackers Tea or Coffee The banquet being concluded, the Chair man, Wor. Bro. Last, briefly proposed "The King and the Craft," and "The M.W.G.M. and

Officers of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, both of which to ist, were enthusiastically received. The Chairman next proposed "The District Grand Master and Officers of the District Grand Lodge of Scottish Freemasoniy in Hongkong and South China." In doing so he said they had carried out their work in a very satisfictory manner considering the short time in which they had had at their command, and with Dr. Jordan at their head they were bound

to prove a most successful body. The toast having been cordially drunk, Dr. Jordan, who was enthusiastically reed a certain amount of indulgence as they were all new to their work. But they hoped they would be all quite at home in their installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing new offices. He begged to congratulate the year. Naval and Military Lodge on behalf of the District Grand Lodge over the excellent choice they had made in the Master and Officers of the Lodge. They fe't sure that the p.osperity of the Naval and Military Lodge was more than assured, for with such a Master as Wor. Bro. Last everything was sure to run smoothly, and prosper in members and wealth, and he could assure them that it was a source of satis faction to the Grand Lodge to see such able

Bro. T. Lyons next gave "Sister Lodges and

and efficient officers installed in the various

Visiters, Wor. Bro. T. F. Hough responded, and said that gathering was of peculiar significance from the fact that Wor. Bro. Last was the firs brother under the Scattish Constitution who had been sent to the East and had the honour of being installed by Dr. Jordan, the District Grand Master of Sc trish Freemasonry Hungkong and South China. He was sure he was but the precursor of many worthy Scots Masons to come along and receive a like honour at the hands of the District Grand Lodge (applause). He congratulated their new Master from his heart, as he was sure all the visiting brethren did, on his being sent acclamation from the Lodge. It was a unique celebration, and he would look back upon it with a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction. la conclusion Wor. Bro. Hough, on behalf of the visitors, said a hearty good welcome was always accorded by the Naval and Military Lodge and he tendered the Lodge their heartiest thanks, and hoped they might all be long spired to part cipate in many similar re-unions.

Wor. Bro. P. D. Hvett next game the huntur majority knew of his many sterling qualities. He himself could assure them that he found him very useful indeed during his term of office, and he trusted that Wor. Bro. Last would had himself done, and that secured he would! they all knew had not only supported them in their masonic work, but had done his best both | for one month. manually and socially in their little amusements, downstairs. He then asked them to rise and drink to their newly installed Master in a bumper.

The toast having been drunk with the utmost enthusiasm, followed by the singing of "For he's a jolly good fellow,'

Wor. Bro. Last responded, and thanking them for their expressions of good will, said that had it not been for the staunch support of Wor. under them, he had received a very good!

Sweethearts of 'Masons,' which was well received the toast list terminated with "All Poor and Distressed Masons" drunk in silence. The toasts were agreeably interspersed with songs and musical selections, the following: admirable programme being gone through:-PART I

March......Unter dem Siege Binner..... Messrs. Roberts (piano) 🔻 Jenkins (violin), Harris (mandoline), Thurlow

Song......The Girl of my Heart ... Bro. Rogers. Song......We've all been having a go at it Song...... Selected Bro. Robins. Mandoline Solo... Ora Pro Nobis... Bro. Allwork.

SongThe British Lion ... Wor. Bro. Bowen, Song......Bro. Harris, Song... She's one of the handy sort ... Bro. Ridley, SongIn Days of Old Bro. Cresar, PART II.

March......Under Freedom's Flag Messra, Roberts , piano), lenkins (violin), Harris

(mandoline), Thurlow

Mandoline Solo...Scatch Airs Bro. Allworks Song Leonore Bro. Harris. \$25,000 in rateable improvements on it within Violin Solo...... M. Orenm Bro. Jenkins. Song ... Every bullet has its billet ... Bro. R gers. Song All been having ago ... Bro. Win eri Duct a board Watch Bros. Bower! & Thwait-s.

in addition to the above Bro. Street gave the 'Postman's Knock," whilst Mr. Roberts? date:-R. F. gave a most amusing burlesque on "Home Sweet Home," showing how an amateur to please his hostess, played the famous A. O. C........ 7 waltz, a barn dance, and a military m rch, Some of the items were really excellent, the Fowloon'....... Bros Harris, Bowen, Rogers and Thwaites R. A. M. C.

A must successful and enjoyable function | Parsees 4 singing of the National Anthem,

MASONIC INSTALLATION.

UNITED SERVICE LODGE.

The Masonic Hall was gay with evergreens bunting and Chinese lanterns, last night thu occasion being the installation of officers for the year 190;, and a banquet, of the United Service Lodge, 1341, E.C. The following officers were installed: Wor. Bro. B. Ci. Baker, Wor, Master; Wor, Bro. W. H. Dolley, Immediate Past Master; Bro. J. Gimblett, Ser. Warden; Bro. J. Hicks, Jun. Warden; Wor. Bro. H. E. A. Holle, Treasurer; Bro. W. Kent, Secretary : Bro. W. Harris, Chaplain ; Bro. Il. G. Garrod, Sen. Deacon; Bro. E. C. Lewis, Jun. Deacon; Bro. J. T. Longstaff, Organist; Bro. M. Taylor, Director of Ceremonies; Bro. J. J. Bullin, Inner Guard; Bros. J. Dealy, J. N. Jones, Stewards; and J. Vanstone, Tyler, An excellent dinner, testefully served, was done full justice to, and after the toaste." The King and the Craft", and "The Worshipful Master! had been duly honoured, a very well arranged concert of music and sung was gone through. Bros. Jenkins, Harris, Thurlow and Roberts comprised the orchestra and among others. taking put were Bros. F. Robins, D. Bosen, E. Thwaites, G. Rubie, W. Ridley, A. Christie, H. W. Wolfe, P. W. Goldring, A. T. Walstow, A. Evans, and W. Cullen, "Courting v. Married " by Bro. A. T. Walstow was in happy humour, and delighted at e audience. This may also he said of the comic selections of Bro. A. Evans. Bro. P. W. Goldring was in fine voice and rendered "I'll sing-thee songs of Araby " with his wellknown taste and and expression. Bros. H. Wolfe, in a comic venture, was immense, and displayed considerable histrionic talent. ceived, responded. After thanking them for almost leading one to believe he has mistaken the flattering manner in which they had re- his profession! In his song about the s.s. ceived the toast, he said that they as Officers | Bread Poullice, he appeared wearing a jersey. of the District Grand Lodge came there that labelled "The one design, bread-poultice," evening feeling that they were just starting, and convulsed his audience, among whom their career, and in doing so they claim- were several yachtsmen! The programmes were very elegantly got up, and bore on the cover a capital likeness of Mr. H. G. Baker. the time was not very far distant when the popular Chief Inspector of Police, who was

COLLISION IN THE HARBOUR

CERTIFICATES SUSPENDED.

At the Marine Magistrate's Court this morning, the Assistant Harbour Master, Mr. Basil Taylor, held an inquiry into the circumstances attending a collision between the steam launch Ying Fat (Master, Mak Tsan) and the steam launch Choysang (Master, Ho Kau) in the waters of the Colony on the 28th ultimo.

The master of the Ving Fat said that about 7 a.m. on the morning of the day in question he was steering up to Capsuimun the Choysang, which had been astern of him, overtook a h m. When abreast of him on his starboard side, she starboarded her helm, and struck his launch on the starboard quarter, slewing him round to starboard, and he ran ashore in consequence on the small is and to the south of Mahwan. At the time of the collision his engines were going full speed ahead. He at once reversed to try and avoid tunning ashore. He kept close in shore because the ebb-tide was so strong. The Choysang's engines at the time of the collision were going ahead. They must have been or she could not have run into

Defendant said both launches carried passengers, but they did not race. On this occasion he was on the Ying Fats starboard quarter going at the same speed as she. . The Ving Fut ported across his bows to prevent him getting ahead of her. At the moment of the collision his engines were poing astern. They always left Hongkong together and he was never anxious to get to him to well the

The Court found that the Chaysing being the overtaking vessel should have kept clear. Mr. Basil Taylor was satisfied that the twolaunches were running in opposition to each other, and each was trying to "jockey ' the other. The certificate of the master of the have—in fact he was almost certain he had got!]. Choysang would be suspended for two months. -officers to serve under him as effic ently as he for negligently handling his launch. The master of the Ying Fat contributed to the have nothing to grumble at. Brother Last as damage to his launch in hugging the shore so closely. His certificate would be suspended

DEVELOPING KOWLOON.

During the past few months we have had many indications of the progress being made. with the opening up of Kowloon. This morning there are further signs of progress in announcements in the Government Gazette res-Bros. Hyett, Howell and Horley, he could not | pecting particulars and conditions of sales of have hoped to have risen to that position, for land. Kowloon Inland Lot, No. 1,161, comprising 145,150 square feet at Yaumati, held at anannual Crown rent of \$1,832, is to be sold by Wor. S. W. Bro. Hill having proposed the public auction on the 19th inst., at an upset, healths of "Wives, Sisters, Daughters and price of \$65.318. The purchaser will have to expend on the property the sum of \$40,000 in ratenble improvements before the expiration of twenty-four calendar months from the day of sale, in addition to levelling the whole area of the lot to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works. A road a hundred feet wide on the north, and one fifty feet wide on the east of the lot must be formed, the purchaser compensating any squatters interfered with.

A more valuable lot, but of about the same area, is that registered as Kowloon Marine Lot No. 87, also at Yaumati, which it is proposed to lease at an early date. It comprises 145,350 square feet, is subject to an annual Crown rent of \$1,665, and the premium is \$72,676. The purchaser will be required to do considerable reclamation, and within thirty-six months of the day of sale must have expended on the lot not less than \$50,000 in rateable improve-

A BUILDING ZOT

Marine Lot-No. 289, situate at Connaught Road, Shek Tong Tsui, and comprising 16,242 square feel, is to be put up for sale by public. auction on the 27th inst, at an upset price of \$113,694. The property will be held subject to an annual Crown rent of \$ 98, and the purchaser will have to expend not less than twenty four months of the date of sale.

CRICKET LEAGUE.

The following is the League table up to

N'atches. Played. Won. Lost. Drawn. Points. H.K. Police H.K. C. C. "A'" 2'

> 3 points for a win. I point for a draw,

PARSEE CHARITY FUNDS.

PRESENTATION.

In recognition of the valuable services ren-

deted by Mr. Framjee H. Arjance, as trusted

and hon secretary of their Charity Funds for

the last six years, a large gathering of the mem-

glasses and other minor accessories. The

meeting hall was profusely decorated with

through great enthusiasm prevailed. Mr. H. N.

Mody, the popular leader of the Parsee commu-

nity of South China, presided, and proceedings

were opened by his reading the following tele-

gram from the Parsee community of Cantony-

Hongkong. Please inform meeting to-day we

Mr. H. Ruttonice, while requesting the pre-

sident to make the presentation in the name of

the subscribers, gave a short history of the move-

ment, observing that in deference to the general-

ly expressed wishes of the members of the com-

munity, and their urgent request he, in conjunc-

tion with some friends, started and circulated

a list of subscription amongst the members of

the Parsee community of Hongkong and

Canton, and out of 110 members, 101 readi-

ly subscribed various sums making up a

total of 600 dollars in five days. It would thus

who is rightly held in high esteem by his co-

religionists for his righteousness and indepen-

dence and other virtues. He eulogised the

valuable services rendered by Mr. Arjanee to

the poor members of the community by quiet-

ly getting subscription for them from the more

fortunate members of the community, and he

paid a tribute to Mr. Arjance's real and disin-

terested efforts in increasing the charity funds

pointed out that though the presents were not

ments of the hearty good wishes and deep

gratitude the community felt for Mr. Arjanee's

and future happinessi.

one and all heartily join in presentation to our

voyage.—Canton, Aujumun' (community).

45th inst.

THE RECENT FIRE AT KENNEDY TOWN GODOWNS.

At the Magistracy this morning, Mr. H. H. J Gomperts, resumed the inquiry into the cause of the recent disastrous fire at Kennedy Town Godowns.

Mr. H. W. Looker was again present on behalf of several foreign insurance companies whilst the Chinese companies were nearly all represented.

Hip See, the godown keeper, was recalled In reply to Mr. Looker he said all the cargo was in the godown, excepting a hundred odd barrels of broken glass which were in the lane; at the back. The other cargo was distributed upitairs and down. There was plenty of room on the ground floor.

Yuen Coon Yue, partner in a firm in Bonham Strand West, said his firm had goods stored in Nos. 1, 2 and 4 godowns. The cargo consisted of rice, hemp bags, chaff, etc. In No. 4 godown their goods were roughly valued at about \$45,000 and the total value of the goods in the three amounted to about \$80,000, and was covered by insurance in five Companies.

By Mr. Looker.-No. 4 godown was nearly full, and the weight of the rice contained therein would be about 11,000 piculs. He knew nothing about the goods in No. 3 godown. No. 2 godown was quite full, but there was plenty of room in No. 1. Altogether in the two godowns there were about three thousand bags. of rice. There was rice meal in Nos. 1 and 2. to the extent of 11,000 bags. The rice was packed in gunny bags.

Ying Choi, godown keeper of No. 4, deposed to receiving -information of the fire having broken out in godown No. 2, and on going there he found a large heap of rice chaff burning against the wall of No. 3 godown. They threw water upon it, but not being able to extinguish, it, a foki ran and informed the police. He went back to No. 4, and saved his clothes and books. When he left No. 4 the fire had spread to there. The coolies were working in No. 2, and had two small-pea-nut oil lamps burning. Smoking was not allowed in the godowns.

By Mr. Looker: - When he went into No. 2. he went straight up to the fire and assisted to throw water on it. The fire had a good hold so the sent one of his fohis to inform the police. He did not know anything about the goods in No. 3.

Another godown keeper was called, and spoke to being in No. 4, when the alarm was raised that fire was raging in No. 2. He did all he could to help put it out, but as they. failed the police were sent for.

A coolie employed at No. 4 godown also gave evidence. He did not go back to save his clothing as the fire was too fierce. He was wearing nearly all his wardrobe. (Laughter.) By Mr. Looker :- He did not know whether or not a man had been dismissed shortly before

the fire. The inquiry was adjourned until Monday at

5th inst. The adjourned inquiry into the cause of the fire in the rice godowns at West Point was resumed before Mr. Gompertz this afternoon, Mr. Looker, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon, appearing to watch the proceedings on behalf of the Insurance Companies interested. A boat-coolie state I that when he noticed fire in the godown, he went up to see it, and finding some goods burning walked off to get water to put it out. There were two lamps

feet from where the fire was." Mr. Looker here put in a statement of a witness made to the Police. Witness remembered making the statement, but repudiated must have knocked down a lamp and so caused the fire. Shown a statement he said it was in which he said I suspect that the coordmust have knocked over a lamp, when carrying bags, and so set fire to the husks." Witness said he did not say that. - The statement was

not read to him before he signed it. Another witness said the godowns were generally lighted with lamps. He did not know what kind of lamps they were. Shown a wall-lamp witness said he had never seen anything like it before. (The lamp was labelled "found in No. 2 Godown.") Witness remembered making a statement to the Police in the cou so of which he said " the lights were" in the godown, and he suspected that they were placed on the bags.".

Constable Hedge testified to taking a fire engine to the scene of the fire. The godowns No's I and 2 were then locked, but No. 4 was open. He then, with Sergeant Watt, got a hose from for the defence. No. 4, which was already aflame, an ! played on the fire. The fire was on the left of the stairway and witness went half way up to get a better chance with the hore. The fire fell from the roof and set fire to the partition dividing the godowns, and witness played water on the rattition, and the force of the water broke the boards, and on the other side hb saw three small heaps of rice between the pillars, and another heap; on the right side. There were about 100 bags in each heap. The rice had apparently been specially arrange ed in these heaps, There might have been Other stuff on the left and beyond the bags, but he was unable to see it.

Further evidence having been taken the Inquiry was adjourned until to-morrow.

At eleven o'clock this morning the inquiry Into circumstances surrounding the outbreak of the fire in the Godowns at West Point was resumed before Mr. Gompertz, Mr. Looker, of Messrs, Deacon, Looker and Deacon appearing to watch proceedings on behalf of the Insurance Companies concerned.

A coolie employed in the godowns gave avidence corroborating the testimony adduced in the course of the inquiry yesterday. stated that there were a lot of men belging to put out the fire, and he worked for a short time with them. After-everybody had left the godown it was not locked. The key was hanging on a nail in No. 4. He was confused and did not get the key to lock No. 2. The key Had since been lost.

H. Gerrard. Sergeant of Police, stated that on the aged ult., at half-past four p.m. he received information of the outbreak of a fire at West Point and immediately proceeded to the scene of the conflagration, and found the godowns locked. He got an axe and smashe off the locks of Nos. I and 2, but could not ge hear to No. 3 on account of the smoke, which was blinding,

By Mr. Looker: There were no Chinamen in the lane. He could not see into No. 4 He had no difficulty in knocking the locks off the doors. He examined No. 3 the next day, There were about 300 bags of rice; some copper tubing, old brass, and broken casks, the French concession at Kuangchao bay in He was in and out of that godown four or five times during the day. About a third of the godown was occupied with the goods men-

and he would leave it entirely to His Worship | tween these places is stated to have been for- | uncharted reef near the Naturas on the 24th at Lantso with a girl of 13 and a boy of As to whether he would order any man for trial merly requested by the British Minister at September), the Court exogerated Captain nine years, who were identified as the that, according to a certain Korean who has on the charge of arsen.

was no evidence against any persons in parti- i "Interesting if true,"

cular, sufficient to warrant his committing any one for trial, or to order a charge to be laid in this Court. He was sorry it was so the in such a suspicious case he would have been glad to have had some one tried in order that the matter might have been satisfactorily thrashed out. The case had, as usual, added His Worship, been very carefully worked up by Inspector Collett, and there was nothing further to do but to close the inquiry, and, as the salvage was completed, to order the release of the

The inquiry was then closed.

ACTION AGAINST THE HONG-KONG HOTEL CO. LD.

At the Civil Summary Court this morning, before the Puisne Judge (Mr. T. Sercombe Smith). Dr. E. J. Howley, in the employ of Messrs: Butterfield and Swire, in connection with the South African coolie traffic, sued the proprietors of the Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd. for the recovery of \$4.50, being the value of an umbrella, lost while in the custody of the de-

Mr. P. W. Goldring was for the plaintiff, and aid that his client brought the action on the ground of principle, the Hotel Co. having denied any liability.

'Plaintiff was called, and said that in the midd'e of October last he was a guest of the Hotel Going in to tiffin one day he placed his has and umbrella on the stand outside the dining room. On finishing he found both had disappeared, but on inquiring at the office found that the watchman had brought them there. He took his hat, but it being a very fine day he asked the clerk to keep the umbrella for him, until the following morning. On the following day when he went to the office for the umbrella, it was not to be found. He applied to the company, to refund the price of the same, but after some correspondence they refused to do so:

Mr. H. Haynes, manager of the Hotel, said the plaintiff stayed at the Hotel from the 2nd October to 2nd November, Messrs. Butterfield and Swire paying his bill weekly at daily rates. The first he heard of the loss was on the 7th November. It was not the custom for guests to leave umbrellas in the office, though sometimes it was done. All valuables were taken charge of by witness and deposited in the office

After the evidence of an Indian clerk in the His Honour gave judgment for the plaintif

A PAWNBROKER

AND HIS RESPONSIBILITIES.

with the costs of the writ.

"I wear a moustache because my father is a Mandarin," said Cheong Kwong Yan, in reply to a question from Mr. Looker, in a case before Mr. L'azeland this afternoon, in which he charged a pawnbroker of No. 1 East Street with breach of trust in respect of a diamond ring, valued at \$1,100, which he pawned with the accused in April last for \$210, but which he was unable to recover when he went to redeem it. He was put off on several occasions, on various pretexts, and finally, in the middle of October, was told that the ring was lost. The pawnbroker produced a smaller ring and tried to persuade him that it was his. Evidence was given bearing out the above allegations. stuck on the wall in the passage, about two and for the defence Detective Inspector Murison testified that on the 6th of October he arrested a foki of defendants' shop, in whose possession he found clothing and pawn tickets of the aggregate value of \$540. The foki was having said that the coolies carrying the bags | placed before Mr. Gompertz, and the clothing identified by the defendant in the present suit as his firm's goods. That case was remanded as it was alleged that another foki connected not been able to discover what he had sti The pawabioker was granted a week to examine his stock and find out what had actually been stolen. During that week witness called at the shop, and wes told by a man there that property valued at \$1,500 had been stolen, in-

cluding three diamond rings. Those rings were not recovered, and the toki was convicted. Mr. Looker submitted that the ring in question had been "stolen, lost, embezzled, or otherwise improperly disposed of."

His Worship said he would like to go through the evidence, and the case was then remanded to the 14th inst., at 2.15 p.m.

Mr. Looker, of Messra. Deacon Looker and Deacon, appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. R. J. Grist, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist,

DAIRY FARM CO., L.D.

6th inst. At an extraordinary general meeting of the Dairy Farm Co., Ld., yesterday afternoon there were present Messrs, R. H. Hinds (Chairman) S. A. Seth (Secretary), F. Maitland, E. Osborne, and James Walker. The following resolutions were confirmed :--

That the following be added to the Articles of Association :---

Article XVII, paragraph 14—The Directors may, from time to time, with the sanction of the company in general meeting, declare a bonus or a dividend to be paid to the members in proportion to their shares out of the reserve fund or out of any other accumulated profits for the time being of the company, and with the like consent may also declare that such bonus or dividend may be appropriated in payment of any calls upon new shares to be allotted to the existing shareholders upon any duly authorized increase of capital. (2)—That the capital of the company be increased by the sum of \$112,500, divided into 15,000 shares of \$7.50 each, and that the directors, be authorized to allot such shares prograta among the existing shareholders according to the number of shares for which on Saturday afternoon, as the result of a very they, on the 10th day of November 11904, be: registered, in the proportion of three new West River. Surgeon Marles-Thomas was shares for every complete two shares held by a young and very promising officer, and most

them on that date. That the directors' remuneration (as allowed and on board, and his untimely death was the by Article XV, paragraph to) be increased from I cause of very keen regret among a very large \$1,500 to: 12,500 per annum.

That the directors be authorized to declare a levening at the Happy Valley, the deceased bonus, or dividend out, of the reserve fund or out of the accumulated profits of the company | service being conducted by the Rev. F. Icely, sufficient to pay a call of \$6.00 per share upon the new capital already authorized to be raised by special resolution, and that such bonus or dividend be appropriated for the purpose of paying such call

A PEXING wire of 23rd ult, reports that the French Minister at Peking has applied to the Chinese Government for permission to enlarge compliance with the agreement signed between France and China in 1899. He has further asked the Chinese authorities to allow France

THE CHINA TRADBRS ! INSUR-ANCE CO. DTD.

6th Insti-The thirty-eighth ordinary general infecting of the shareholders of the above Company was held at Oucen's Buildings, this morning Mr. Evan Ormiston prosided, and there were also piesent : Messrs A. J. Raymond, H Schubart, A. Haupt, and E. Goetz (Directors) 1. Whittall (Secretary), J. W. Ross Taylor, I. Orange, G. T. Veitch, R. C. Wilcox, Captain Goddard, W. Parlanc, S. G. Newell, E. Lander, and W. E. Schmidt.

The Secretary having read the notice calling the meeting.

The Chairman said :- Gentlemen,-the report and statement of accounts which, with your permission, I will take as read, have been in your hands for the past two weeks, and will. anticipate, have been received by you with some little gratification. It will be noticed that our premium income is slightly in advance of that of last year, and that the out-turn of the year's operations leaves a substantial balance to the credit of working account; which, after making safe, provision for all outstanding liabilities and the declaration of our usual bonus to contributors, enables us to recommend the transfer of \$50,000, to:the reserve fund, and the payment of an increased dividend. You will remember our unfortunate experience of six years ago, when to help out a bad year we had to withdraw \$100,000 from our reserve fund. Since then your directors, through the successive occupants of this chair, have appealed to your patience in the matter of dividend until such time as our liquid reserves should be placed upon a sure basis, and that \$100,000 could be replaced in reserve. In the statement now you the signs are not wanting that the patience and forbearance exercised by you are to have their reward. This year we feel fully justified in recommending the replacing in reserve of half the amount referred to, and if present indications of the current year's working can be depended upon. we have great hope of being able to replace the remainder next year. It may be thought that, on the figures before you, we could-without any great strain-have paid a \$5 dividend this year. That is quite true, but your directors are of opinion that they are best conserving the interests of shareholders in not paying away in dividends more than is represented by the interest earnings, until the reserve fund has been brought up to its former level. The consideration of further augmenting the dividend may then be justified, although in the true interests of the company the further augmenting of the company's reserves is, beyond doubt, question which should demand equal, if not greater, consideration. Increasing reserves. not only afford greater security to the insuring public, but they justify and enable the pro-

connected with the report and accounts now

further information that may be desired.

crease the same after having placed the sub-

stantial sum of \$50,000 to reserve fund fell

confident not only in maintaining the position

they had now attained, but also that there was

every prospect that the bad times had come to

ensue. He was quite sure they would all join

Whittall, f r since he had come one step for-

ward in a long series of steps had been made

The resolution was then put to the meeting

THE DIRECTORATE.

Mr. A: Haupt as director for the coming year.

Mr. Newall proposed the re-appointment of

Mr. R. C. Wilcox moved, and Mr. J. Orange

seconded, the re-election of Messrs. A.

irectors, which was agreed to nem con.

AUDITORS.

proposition of Mr. G. T. Veitch seconded b

The Auditors, Messrs. T. Arnold and H. U

leffries, were unanimously re-elected on the

This brought the meeting to a close, the

Chairman stating that dividend warrants would

DEATH OF SURGEON MARLES

THOMAS, R.N.

We much regret to record the death of I

Surgeon Marles-Thomas, R.N , which took place

severe attack of malarial fever, caught on the

popular with all, who knew him, both on shore

warships in port dropped their flags to

and they would all be ready for what they al

expected to get.

was agreed to.

Mr. W. Parlane.

be obtainable to morrow.

and carried unanimously.

with him in congratulating their secretary. M

the Charity Funds. then made the presentation in the name of the subscribers. In a short and touching speech | remand. secution of a larger business resulting, we he spoke in eulogistic terms of the unabating would hope, in ever-increasing profits, and zeal with which Mr. Arjance had served the shareholders also-directly reap_the_benefit_in community as the secretary of their Charity the increasing interest earnings permitting the Funds, and he assured his hearers as their payment of increasing dividends. This is the President that his work of administering the policy which you are well aware is followed funds of the community was a great deal by the largest and most prosperous insurance facilitated and made easy by the real, fidelity companies of the present day. The amount and conscientious work which Mr. Arjanee which you will notice has been written off our as his colleague had brought to bear upon investment in consols, brings that investment He expressed his personal regret at down to a book value of £86, which we conthe idea of separating himself from such au sider a safe point. Messrs. Palmer & Turner's esteemed colleague and coreligionist, as he had valuation report on the properties under mortbeen accustomed by long association and by gage to the company, shows that our adhis virtues to look upon Mr. Arjanee not only vances under this heading are amply secured. as a sympathetic friend, but as an affectionate Although it is not a matter which is really brother. He hoped that Mr. Arjanee will I ve

before, you, your directors desire to intimate health, honour and happiness. to you that they have followed what is now an Mr. Ariance, who was deeply touched, made almost universal custom in sanctioning, as a short reply. He expressed his heartfelt and from the commencement of the current finansincere thanks to .. li those who had assembled cial year, the initiation of a provident fund for there and also all the members of the comthe benefit of the European members of the munity, who had evinced so much sympathy company's staff throughout the service, which and extended to him the right hand of fellowthey consider as perhaps in the long run a wise ship and brotherly regard. He protested, howprovision for the future, and with which they hope and believe shareholders will be in ful duty, and that he did not merit the honour of the report and balance sheet, I shall be done to him, and he assured his hearers that he highly appreciated—the good wishes glad to give, to the best of my ability, any they expressed for him. He accepted the Mr. Ross-Taylor, in seconding, said it had been the custom to declare a four-dollar

a long and useful life in his native land, full of

present as a souvenir of their great kindness and said he would preserve it in his family as a reminder of the happy days he had spent dividend, but the Directors in deciding to inin China. He assured them that this tangible proof of the extreme kindness and sympathy which they as his co-religionist and countrymen had extended to him during his stay in this colony would always remain enshrined in his memory. an end, and a steady advance was about to-

After the presentation ceremony was over the company adjourned to the dining room where light refreshments were served and where Mr. Mody proposed the health of Mr. Arjanes wishing him a pleas at and safe passage home, to which a suitable reply was given. After a vote of thanks to Mr. Mody for having presided over the meeting had been accorded as usual, the public. the company dispersed after giving cheers for

Mr. Ariance and their ever popular leader. particulars of the presentation says: "It may perhaps be interesting to add that the Parsees Captain Goddard seconded and the motion i use the ums to put the fire on which they burn the sandlewood and other incense while saying their prayers, fire which is the source of heat Raymond and E. Ormiston on the Board of and light, and consequently of all life, being tion of the Holy Ahurmard the Creator of the Universe. As Mr. Arjance belongs to the Priest class, and is known to be extremely religious, this form of presentation was agreed upon by the subscribers as fit and appropriate. The silver urn and trays bear the following inscription in Gujarati; "Presented to Mr. Framjee Hormusjee Arjance by the Parsee community of Hongkong and Canton in grateful recognition of his valuable services rendered as a trustee and Honorary Secretary of December meeting. their Charity Funds. November 1904."

Mr. F. H. Arjanee returns to Bombay by the steamer Lightning, and does not intend coming to Hongkong again.

ALLEGED MURDER

IN THE HARBOUR.

Two Americans and a Pole named respectively, Charles Smith, William Nason, circle of friends. The funeral took place last and Erik Hogmann, are now being proceeded against on the charges of murwas buried with full Naval honours, the der, and attempted murder. The facts, as alleged, are that on the 27th ultimo a Chinese Chaplain, Royal Naval Hospital: The decease boy, about 16 years of age, entered the Police ed, who was Surgeon on the river gunboat Station at Kowloon and said that three Robin, was followed to his last resting place by Europeans had chartered his mother's sampan squads of men from the various Naval vessels to go on hard a steamer in the harbour, and in port, while they and other sympathising when half way across they had caught hold of friends sent many beautiful floral tributes, hin and thrown him into the sea, and he had which were laid around the grave. All the swum ashore. The lad was dripping wet at the time, and was cared for at the station for half-mast during the afternoon. The deceased the night, by Inspector Langley. He told a had but just attained his thirtieth birthday, and somewhat rambling story about the men had only held his appointment in the Navy molesting his mother and sister, but no trace of the boat could be found at the time when inquiries were instituted, nor was any report to construct a railway between Kuangchao bay In connection with the stranding of the coolie made to the police by the boy's mother. Mr. Looker said it was a suspicious case, and Kinlung. A concession for a railway be- emigrant steamer Swanley (which struck an Subsequently, however, the boat was found Peking.-A correspondent in the W. C. D. Dawson and directed that the chief officer, Mr. lad's brother and sister, and who stated recently returned from Vladivostok, the closing permission to work the coal mines at Ichow in His Worthip taid he had carefully studied News suggests that the proposed French rail. II. Brown, who had been detained in Singapore that their mother and another sister, aged six of that harbour by ice is expected to take place the evidence, and while there were gravely way should probably be from Kuangchon (Can- to give evidence, be awarded compensation, years, had been thrown over-board by three carlier this year than in ordinary years, and suspicious circumstances surrounded it there ton) to Kinlung (Kowloon), which, he says, is the whole ensts of the inquiry to be borne by Europeans, and they believed they were that in some places there ice is found already I frowned. Upon this all the stations were to a thickness of 3 luches.

communicated with as well as all the shipping. in port leaving for Canton and Macao, while a strict look-out was kept for the, probably, dead bodies of the woman and child. From inquiries

made, it. was/learned that three Europeans. answering to the descriptions given by the surviving children, had landed at Lantao, and made off in the direction of the New Territory. Learning this Police Sergeant Kerr organised as scouting party to go after the fugitives, and bers of the Parsee Community of Hongkeng and; Canton assembled at the Parseo Club House, bands, aggregating thirty men, started out in in Elgin Street, on Saturday evening and prepursuit eventually after a strenuous chase sented him with a handsome urn made of bringing their quarry to bay in the New Terrisolid silver, with two silver trays, silver and when confronted with the children were immediately identified as the men who had green foliage, and festoons of flowers, and all engaged their boat an In the meantime the corpses of a woman and a little girl had been

found floating in the harbour just off Jardine's children, as their mother and sister, respectively! The three alleged, murderers were placed. "H. N. Mody, President Parsee community, before Mr. H. H. J. Gomportz this afternoon, when the case was, on the application of Chief inspector of Detectives Hanson; remanded esteemed secretary, Arjance, wishing him bon I for the purpose of collecting evidence.

> 6th inst. At eleven o'clock this morning, Charles. Smith, Erik Hogmann, and William Nason were arraigned before Mr. H. H. J. Gomports, at the magistracy, charged with murder, and attempted murder, under circumstances recorded in these columns last evening.

Behols Singh, Indian Police Sergeaut, testified that at eleven o'clock on Saturday last, the when the sergeant from Pingshan station came in and said he had to search for and arrest three inurderers. He accordingly landed, and went be seen that virtually the whole community with the sergeant along the shore and when near had folded in doing honour to Mr. Arjance, the big temple he met another sergeant who gave him certain information, upon which wentalong the shore together, until they saw the three accused, and after following them some distance came up with them, and witness arrested them. He took them to the Pingshan Station, and there he got the Police launch, and brought the accused to Hongkong, and handed them over to the Inspector in charge at the Central Police Station, Inspector Withers.

to a figure very nearly verging on one lac of dollars. He concluded by expressing his Mr. Hanson then applied for one week's hearty good wishes for Mr. Arjance's health remand as he was not ready to go on with the case, which was set for hearing on the 13th Mr. N. K. Antia, of Messrs, Tata & Co., fol- inst at 2.15 o'clock p.m.

At a quarter past twelve this morning, Erik lowed with a short speech, heartily endorsing what had fallen from Mr. H. Ruttonjee. He Hogmann was brought up and his statement taken. He said: "To the charge of killing of a great value they were the very embodi- the woman I plead guilty, but I was not alone. To the charges of killing and attempting to I kill the girl and boy I plead not guilty." valuable work as a trustee and the secretary of

Mr. Robert Linblum, architect to Sir Paul Mr. H. N. Mody, who was heartily cheered, who now claimed to be a Russian Fin. The accused was then again sent down on

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER

OF COMMERCE.

mittee of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce. present:-Mr. E. A. Hewett (Chairman), Hon. W. J. Gresson, Messrs. A. Haupt, N. A. Siebs, I. R. M. Smith, H. E. Tomkins, R. Chatterton Wilcox, Hon. R. Shewan (ex officio), and A. R. Lowe, Secretary.

MINUTES. The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 5th ultimo were read and confirmed.

NEW MEMBER. The Secretary reported that since the last meeting Messrs. Jorge and Company had been elected to membership subject norther usual confirmation at the annual general meeting.

QUARANTINE. tary had kindly placed at the disposal of the instructions from the owners does not exever that he had done tothing more than his Chamber copies of telegrams received from ceed ten, burns thirty-five tons of oil a tember respectively.

the Home Parliament with regard to the ling. English, worked by steams and the monetary assistance. It was decided, as the such a system for the Empire in 1902, to send a donation of £10 to the Association's Parliamentary Campaign Fund. ZONE TIME.

Further correspondence with the Government

PARIS SANITARY CONVENTION. The replies from the shipping firms and considered by them as an outward manifesta- against shipping if Hongkong became a party third. to the Convention.

REGISTRATION OF CHINESE PARTNERSHIPS. This question was again adjourned, as the reply from the Singapore Chamber regarding the position of this question in the Straits Settlements was not to hand. IMBECILE BILL

Correspondence with the Government relatling to the Imbecile Ordinance Amendment Bill and the discussion was adjourned to the

TRAM ACCIDENT.

CONSTABLE'S NARROW ESCAPE

An accident occurred in front of Wellington Barracks about four o'clock on Saturday afternoon, by which it was first feared a European constable would lose his life. Police Constable Williams, of No. 7 Station, West Point was returning to his station after a bicycle ride. and while trying to get out of the way of an advancing car, No. 20, his wheel skidded and threw him sideways, and he was thus knocked down by the car which had not time to stop. Constable Williams was caught by the lifeguard and considerably cut and bruised. He was soon released from his perilous position, and taken to the Station Hospital, Inspector Collett subsequently sending him to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment. Inquiries made this afternoon at the hospital showed that Constable Williams was better and progressing favourably, and no fears are now entertained as to his ultimate recovery. A gentleman, who was in the tram at the time. expremed the motor-man from blame, stating that it was too sudden and unforescen for the man to stop his car any quicker than he did.

A NAGASAKI telegram, dated Nov. 13, states

THE ADVANTAGES OF LIQUID. FUEL.

INTERESTING DEMONSTRATION IN HONOKONG.

At the invitation of Messrs, Arnhold, Karberg and Co., the local agents for Sir Samuel, Samuel and: Co, the general: managers: of the Shell Trading and Transport Company, a large number of prominent shipping men and others were invited to witness a demonstration on board tory. They were brought in under custody, the Goldmouth; of the advantages of oil as a motive power as compared with coal. The party loft Murray Pier in two launches at eleven o'clock this morning and boarded the Goldmonth some half an hour later, at her anchorage as the rear of Stonecutter's Island? Amongst Wharf, and these in turn were identified by the those present were Messes. Goots, Westerburger, Arndt and Bovet (of Messrs, Arnhold Karberg & Co.), Messrs, Forbes and F. Miller (Messrs. Bradley & Co.), Mr. Krany (Asiatic Petroleum Co.), Captain Cocker (of the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs), Mesers, E. A. ewett (P. & O. S. N. Co., Ld.), Newman Mumford (Lloyd's Surveyor), Struckmeyer ilemisen & Co.), Hermann (Gaupp & Co.). vicolai and Girstenbraen (Hamburg-Amerika Linie), C. M. Ede, Captain Hurst, Chief Engineer Blake, and Hauiton (Royal Naval-Yard). Bowles (Standard Oil Co.), W. S. Bailey (Bailey & Co. shipbuilders), Michael (Inspector Norddeutscher Lloyd) and Chief of Staff Southow, Captain-Lieutenant Egieg, Engineer Lemke, 3rd inst, he was in a boat at Deep Water Bay, Engineer Bouelke, and Staff Paymaster Lehiman (of S. M. S. Fürst Bismarch). On arrival on board the party were met

by Captain Starkey and his officers, and in a very short space of time, the ship was under way, and a most delightful tour of the islands: around Hongkong was commenced. The Goldmouth was under the control of Pilot Captain John McIlroy, and throughout the trip: the ship moved at a steady uniform rate, 'The day being beautifully fine, and a delicious breeze blowing the outing proved a distinct pleasure to all concerned. Leaving Stoneculter's Island the ship passed the north of the Kellet Bank, and then proceeding through the East Lamma channel, made Cape d'Aguilar. and passing south of the Bokhara rocks, entered the Harbour through the Lycemoon Pass, stopping at the men-of-war anchorage to land

the guests, at three o'clock. The Goldmouth, built by Messrs. Swan and Hunter on the Tyne, is practically a new ship, having only been finished last year. This is the first trip she has made to Hongkong, arriving here via Batoum on Friday evening, but she has made several trips across the western Ocean, calling particularly at Port Anthur. Chater, interpreted on behalf of Hogmann, (Texas). She was built at a cost of upwards, of £120,000 and is 500 feet long and 476 feet between perpendiculars. Her capacity is equal to 9357 tons of bulk oil, her seven tanks carry. ing 1213, 1198, 1325, 1221, 1222, 1238 and 1284. tons, respectively. In addition there are two summer tanks on the upper deck capable. of carrying 336 and 300 tons, respectively, There are three coffer-dams, aft, amidships and At a monthly meeting of the general com- forward, with a water capacity of 336, 110, and 241 tons respectively, so that there is always a held in the Chamber Room, St. George's Build- | volume of water between the oil and the stokeing, on Tuesday, 8th November, there were | hold, and also between the oil and the fore; castle where the members of the crew sleep. The midship one is of use in this way. In the event of two different kinds of oil being carried any leakage would percolate into the coffer dam and prevent the two kinds from mixing. The vessel also carries in her ballast tanks 1449 tons of water. The arrangements for pumping out the tanks are both massive and complete, and after the discharge of a cargo of oil, with very little trouble

the steamer is convertible into an ordinary The great feature of the use of lique fuel is its general economy. The Goldmouth, which It was reported that the Hon. Colonial Secre- is capable of steaming twelve knots, but by H.B.M. Consul-General, Shanghai, and the day, whilst a ship of the same size us-Secretary to the Government of India, advis- ing coal, would require forty-five tons of the ing the withdrawal of quarantine restrictions | very best Welsh coal to maintain an equal against Hongkong on the 17th and 30th Sep- | speed. Furthermore the number of men required is very much smaller. Here only eight: WRIGHTS AND MEASURES (METRIC SYSTEM). Rieman are needed, whilst twenty would be Correspondence was read from the Decimal necessary in a similar ship burning coal, Association explaining the progress made in | The boilers are six in intumber, five be-Weights and Measures Bill, and asking for sixth a German patent, utilising compressed? air. To-day, however, the last-named, and one Chamber had supported the introduction of of the other boilers were under repair so that. the whole speed was maintained by four boilers. only. It was noticeable throughout the trip. that no smoke was emitted from the funnel. The motive power is obtained; by thrusting: a: torch into the boiler, and turning on a spray, regarding the introduction of zone time in the | the oil being sprayed into the boiler by means: Colony was passed, all of which had previously of steam. Almost all the party on board, went, been sent to the local press for information of into the engine-room and were highly surprised with the cleanliness of the place, and the apparent simplicity of the machinery. Mr. Comar, who has had many years experience of oil fuel, A correspondent, who has forwarded us the agencies to the Chamber's letter drawing their in the older ships is the Chief Engineer. attention to the terms of the Paris Sanitary and has with him, Mesers. Renton and Bambro, Convention were laid on the table, and after as second and third lieutenants, respectively, some discussion it was decided to communicate | We have already referred to Captain Starkey. with the authorities at the various adjacent the genial commander, also many years in the ports to see whether they would be willing to Company, and he has as officers Mr. Kern reciprocate with similar sanitary measures (chief) der White (second) and Mr. Johnstone;

. On arriving in the harbour once more all! present united in expressing, thanks to Messra-Arnold, Karberg & Co., for the unique experient ence provided, and it was generally conceded. that from a labour and space saving point of view the use of liquid fuel has many distinct advantages, and that in time it would be much more generally employed,

An excellent tiffin was served on board by the Hongkong Hotel Co.;

DEATH OF MR. R. RIDDOCH.

His many friends and acquaintances, both here and along the China coast will learn with regret that "Old Bob" Riddoch passed away, suddenly at Saigon on the 1st inst., at the age of sixty-five. The deceased, who was in Hongkong a few days since, as chief engineer of the as. An Pho, was a native of Finavon, in Fots farshire, and was by trade a millwright being for a number of years connected with the firm of Randolph and Elders, shipbuilders of Glass gow. He then became guarantee eogineer for most of the Newhaven and Dieppe paddla steamers, and was for eighteen years engaged in the service of the Scottish Oriental shipping line previous to its being transferred to the Norddeutscher Lloyd: During the time lie was associated with the Oriental he brought out to the East, from home, the steamers Kongben, Loosok and Ktongwai and others, When last in Hongkong he complained slightly regarding his health, and mentioned to some of his friends that he was thinking of retiring and going home. His wife predeceased him many years ago and, besides numerous friends, he leaves two dayghters to mourn his loss, one of whom is the wife of Mr.; James MacDonald.; the Government marine surveyors and delication

CERTAIN Southern merchants have obtained the Western Hills, where the coal is said to be just'as good as the Tongshan coal. The head office will be at Paotingin, and the working capital is Tis. 100,000,

ST. PAULIS CATHEDRAL, MACAO.

LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE.

"OPUS MAGNUM EST." (From Our Own Correspondent.)

Macao, 4th December. For seventy years neglected and uncared for, the ruins of the old Cathedral of St. Paul this city, begun in 1602, and completed in 1623, once again claim the hallowed memory of its former sanctity which, for close upon three quarters of a century, has been desecrated by the "unholy and ungodly uses" to which that sanctified spot had been applied since the memorable night of 1834 when a destructive fire reduced the sacred edifice to ashes. It was shortly after the hour of eleven at night after the bells of the clock in the steeple chimed for the last time that the historic building came crumbling to the ground as the devastating element was working its havor in the city of Macao in that fateful year of 1834. Since that long period of time many and varied have been the suggestions for the treatment of the ruins that have excited the admiration of every visito to the Portuguese settlement. At one time was mooted to rebuild the church, at another it was proposed to demolish the monumenta façade, and later the sale of the granite used for the splendid flight of steps at the entrance to the cathedral was spoken of. Still more recently the Vandalism of property owners. with the sanction of the Municipal Council, was almost on the point of annexing a certain portion of the majestic entrance for purposes of residential buildings. But the timely intervention of the ecclesiastical authorities happily averted ological catastrophe, and thus the splendid approach of St. Paul's has been saved, let us hope, for all time.

THE SCHEME OF RE-CONSTRUCTION. With the arrival of the Rev. Antonio José Gomes, D.D., of the Portuguese Mission, the idea was conceived for the restoration of the old church in all its former glory. How his conception took form and how it developed will best be seen in the perusal of his discourse on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone this afternoon of the new church to be dedicated to the Portuguese patron St. Anthony. The ceremony took place at 3 p.m. to-day, in the presence of the largest concourse of people that assembled at any public function here. It was performed by the Right Rev. Don Jodo Paulino d'Azevedo e Castro, D.D., bishop of the diocese of Macao and member of the Council of H.M.F.M. the King of Portugal. That an unusual function was being enacted at the site commonly known as St. Paul's to-day was sufficiently evident by the number of flags that floated from masts exected over the long standing pile of granite that did sentinel duty for Macao, for as long as the Portuguese settlement is old, acclaiming to the world the fact of its being the first seat of Christian evangelization in the Orient. The flag of Portugal and along its ridges other flags were placed for ornamentation. The face of the moss-grown walls was out-lined with wire-suspenders for the thousands of coloured lamps that illuminated the whole facade in the evening during the bazaar that was held for the Re-construction Funds. A huge matshed was erected against the interior of the wall- for the accommodation of several hundred ladies and gentlemen who witnessed the deremony from this point, tary, and civil functionaries a special booth was erected and suitably decorated, while for the representatives of the Press of Hongkong stand was put up in a consistence position The church dignaturies occupied seats at the altar in another shed, and the populace throng ed on the ground at every point of vantage. was observed that some Chinese, to gain a better view of the scene, climbed to the ver top of the façade and monkey-like watched the proceedings from their dizzy perch. There were a good few at the Monte Fort looking at the crowd below from that height. The inevitable kodak-bearers were there too, and some fine films must have been obtained in the splen-

did light of the day. THE CEREMONY.

The ceremony was somewhat delayed. The Bishop, accompanied by his Private Secretary. the Rev. Fr. Sarmento, and the church dignataries arrived on the grounds at 3.10 p.m. and Governor was conspicuous by his absence, his aide-de-camp being present on his behalf. It was also noted that the Jesuit Fathers were not present although a representative of the Italian Mission in Hongkong (Rev. Fr. P. de Gabardi) and two priests of the Mission Etrangérés were amongst the several thousand people who were present. There were also the Seminarists of St. Joseph's College and the girls Sisters of the school.

The A. D. C. to the Governor arrived at 3.45 p.m. and immediately after the ceremony began with the blessing of the salt and water. Then the ground was blessed. The spot was marked by a plain black cross; it is a usual ceremony in the Roman Catholic ritual in the consecration of a church or a cemetery. The blessing of the corner-stone was the next proceeding. His Lordship with the silver trowel made the sign of the Cross on each side of the stone, then going down on his knees His Lord ship recited the Litany of the Saints. After the entoning of Mane Surgens Jacob, repeated by the Chorus of seminarists conducted by Rev. A. J. Roliz, S J., and the singing of Psalm 50 Nisi Dominus, there was a long Interval to allow of the signing of the paichment which was afterwards enclosed in a glass tube, and with some Portuguese and Hongkong silver coins and a copy each of the four Hongkong daily newspapers and a copy of the Boletim Ecclesiastico soldered in a zinc box this in turn being deposited in the foundation stone. The inscription on the parchment was written and is follows :---

D. O. M. tion inserviat restituendum curavere Pont. Rom. Pio X. Carolo I., Lusit. Principe Macaon. Antist: Joan Paulino de Azevedo et Castro Martino Pinto de Queiroz Montenegro hanc Mac. Provin. anno moderante molitionum quinquagenariis primum redeuntibus.

Rendered literally into English that historical turning to the sacred books, he read in them summit of the hill near the college, document reads: "The people of Macao have Repleta est terra auro et argente-" the earth decided that the ancient church which, cen- is full of gold and silver!" He called upon turies ago, was dedicated to the Blessed Virgin | the Macaeneres, the Portuguese and all who Mary and known as Paul's Cathedral, be now | spoke the common tongue of Camoens, if there | little opposition towards the city. But hardly re-constructed and dedicated to the great | had been one there present in that vast as- | had they rounded the hill near the shore, and Patron of the Portuguese, St. Anthony, during | sembly who was opposed to the re-building of | come in sight of the town, when the fortress the pontificate of Pope Pius X., in the reign of the church let him leave those precincts. After Carlos I. King of Portugal, being at the time a pause, as the speaker observed that none left the Bishop of Macao Joho Paulino d'Azevedo | he called upon the assembly to all pledge with a Castro, and the Governor of the Province him, as their minister, for the reconstruction of Martinho Pinto de Queiroz Montenegro, Fourth | St. Paul by each contributing what came withjubiles [50th anniversary] of the immaculate | the desired end. Pointing to the foundation-Conception."

It was signed by all the clergy present, mony of our pledge. Over that stone, which

esc. who were prominently identified with time and against all profests. Avante / Avante / the ceremony. This done, the Bishop assisted a reconstruct to de Sao Paulo / 12: by the Rev. Frs. Ariaga, Luz, and Alvares, walked along the circuit of the foundation of the rostrum it was 5.20 p.m. He spoke for the future church, scattering holy water as he exactly twenty-five minutes. pronounced the prayers in the meantime. The After some hesitancy, some person in the antiphony Bene fundala est was entoned. Returning to where the corner-stone had been ready to be lowered into position, Mgr. Castro Macaenses! Viva os Portuguezes" were heard, again recited prayers and stood watching the stone as it was lowered into the pit under the rather doubted the propriety of this later prodirection of Foreman Camerio, and so concluded the ceremony.

REV. DR. GOMES'S ADDRESS.

At 4.45 p.m. the Rev. Dr. Antonio J. Gomes, D.D., having received, kneeling, the | continued throughout the evening till midnight. benediction pronounced by His Lordship the Bishop at the foot of the altar, proceeded to ascend the pulpit (a temporary erection). the assembly meanwhile gathering around must advantageous positions in order to listen to a discourse the eloquence of whose language and the sincerity and fervour of whose appeal have rarely—and probably never before—fell upon the public ear at Macao. It was evident to the thousands whose eager eyes were concentrated upon the reverend gentleman that, when he had taken his stand at the rostrum, the Father became sensibly affected by the large crowd before him. his first words of the splendid discourse being uttered in a visibly affected manner. In the brief space at my disposal I cannot but very concisely present just a bare summary of the most salient points of the soul-stirring address, much of the beauty of the speaker's rhetoric being lost in translation. Dr. Gomes took for his text Gen. 28. 16-Vere Dominus est in loco isto, et ego nesclebam. "Verily, this place is what would have been not short of an archae. holy and I knew not." He pointed to those venerable ruins, that immense pile of granite crect as a plumb-line and indestructible, that magestic facade, which has stood for three centuries in all its architectural beauty, as evid- few years they had founded a missionary colences acclaiming the sanctity of the spot. lege. In 1595, the college was burnt down, Religious sentiments were bound up in that gigantic monument, and many had admired in | more commodious scale. There were seventy it the wonders of art. Those souls that were animated by faith read on that broad page of granite; writ in black letters, the most shameful history of paganism over Christianity. Those were sacred precincts that at one time had been the nursery of many Portuguese missionaries in China, of many preachers of the Gospel, of many messengers of civilization and of many martyrs in the East. Holy were those sacred precincts where were interred the remains of their elders, for there was the cemetery of their ancestors. But, the Rev. Father, said: No. no. that place could not be holy when, ten months | ago, for the first time he ascended that monumental flight of steps that led to those venerated ruins, and behold the sights that met his gaze. How could a Christian temple be turn d into a public heathen sink, the roaming ground of the most unclean of the lower forms of animals, and a terrace for the drying of josssticks ? Yet when he looked up and beheld the Sign of the Cross, the image of the Virgin, and the statutes of the saints adorning the niches floated from the apex of the historic monument of that facade, solid, and standing like a pyramid amidst the most pauseous and infectious surroundings, his clerical spirit received a rude shock. Yet wacan the city of the holy I days was John Havard, the pioneer of higher name of God impassively contributed to that most odious profamity. He, as an adopted child of the land, appealed to Macao, to that city that was the most precious jewel set in the Portuguese Crown, the centre of Christian civilization; Macao, the Rome of the East, the loyal city, to allow him to speak openly and. For the Governor, his suite and the naval, mili- without reserve what he felt by an imperious and irresistible force to say that day. Dr. Gomes then proceeded in caustic, but withat sincere, language to lay the blame for the l scenes of profanity that desecrated the holiness of that spot to the apathy that allowed such things to come to pass. He characterized that indifference as an effrontery to religion, to in 1624. One cannot pass the ruined portal of Art, to patriotism, yea, even to hygiene itself | the college, now no more, without going back and to public health. Referring to the precious Christian relics, he spoke of the attempts to despoil the facade of its bronze statutes. and the broken colonnades that withstood fire and wind in the memorable typhoon of 1874. as the work of preservation at the hands of God to the present time. He spoke of that day as a day that would be indelibly engraved in his mind, when in the morning the sacrifice of the Mass was again offered after a lapse of seventy years. He alluded to the work of re-construction as a work of God. Opus magnum est ! It was a great work, a colossal undertaking, a walked up to the altar. His Excellency the | gigantic enterprise; but it is as it should be, because it was God's and for God. Dealing with the arguments which he had heard ad- Dutch, and on the same day that the disheartenvanced against the project he alluded first and foremost to that which stated that there were l already too many churches in Macao and why build a new one? In the speaker's opinion it was an illogical argument. They were there that day not to build a new church but to restore one which for seventy years has not of the Collegio Sta. Roza de Lima with the | had a substitute; one that stood in all its grandeur some three hundred years ago! When gambling dens sprung up in their midst, flourished and multiplied, did the voice of fantanism " raise against the increase of these gaming-houses? When prostitution became rife and houses of ill-fame increased in numbers, wanting to execute the plans, work was diswas it heard that there were too many places of infamy and vice? Because of that silence was Macao labelled across the map of the world with | common peril brought the different sections of the stigma of the "Monte Carlo of the East." | the settlement more closely together, and when It was not possible that there can be too many | the trial was happily over, gratitude and joy houses of God. Let there come to Macao the opened the purses of the merchants for the triumphs of Progress and Civilization in the | completion of what was to be, and in fact has railways and the harbour improvements with been ever since, the principal monument their concomitants—commerce and industry— of the city. On the feast of St. John the but she must outshine in her religious fervour | Baptist, 1622, a formidable fleet of Macao's and the magnificence of her religious institu- implacable enemies bore down upon the little tions. The reverend father's emotion was peninsula, as if the Hollander, were deterplainly visible when he asserted, with all mined to make themselves masters, once for sincerity, that the idealism which he had in all, of their rivals' prosperous colony. There view was one inspired by God. The cherished | were sixteen vessels, with about eight hundred hope of the restoration of St. Paul's in all its men. They began the attack in the cool of prestine glory was an ideal inspired in him by the m rning, confident, no doubt, of having God, with Whom nothing is impossible, the hot part of their work over before the heat To preserve the venerated ruins amidst of the day would be on. But the sturdy Hole their unholy and ungodly surroundings was landers little knew the valour of their oppona standing shame to the colony he cherished as the home of his adoption. He pared to offer the most determined resistence. Veteren ædem B. Mariæ Imm. pridem sacram | would sooner see its last vestige removed; | Every man in Macao was to be a soldier, if not Divi Pauli hoc tempore appellatione celebratam | indeed, see the last trace erased of Macao, | a hero. Not only did the wealthy merchants famdiu velustate collapsum novi conditores ut | the beacon of the faith of their ancestors. In | leave the breezy halls and the cool retreats of Antonii Sancti Olisi ponensis opiferi venera. St. Paul's rebuilt he hoped there would be their gardens to shoulder a musket at the front, raised a majestic basilica to correspond with but even the missionaries, knowing well that Class I...... Yr.00 the glorious traditions of Macao. Reverting the issue was a question of life and death for to the subject of ways and means, he took to their work, took an active part in the preparatask those "men of little faith" those with tions for defence. Fr. Rho, an accomplished whom money was every consideration. The | mathematician, who later on took a prominent novarum locata fundamenta prid. non. dec. speaker continued: Money was secondary, part in the celebrated astronomical work of the MDCCCCIV. anni B. Marice Imm. solemnis It was not gold that was wanting. It was the missionaries at Peking, rendered valuable serabsence of the will that must be felt; for, vice in the principal fortress situated on the the levying of new taxes will be executed from called Tungteishan or Copper Iron Mountain.

stone be said: "Let that stone be the testi-

When the Rev. Dr. Gomes descended from

crowd led with applause to the address, and loud calls of "Viva St. Paulo ! Viva, 108 It seemed as if the entire boly of the populace ceeding much as all admired the brilliance of the address and the gennine feetings that; inspired it. The spectators dispersed amidst the blessings of His Lordship the Bisbop.

A baraar was held immediately after and The special attractions have been arranged for Saturday and Sunday next when a large number of visitors and patrons are expected from Hongkong. In connection with the open air fête next week a special feature will be the pyrotechnic display.

At the present time the moment is opportune for us to present to our readers a historical sketch of the building whose conspicuous façade stands as the most interesting religious monument and landmark in Macao. The skotch is extracted from an article on "Religious Memories" contributed by W.L.H., from Macao, to the Mangalore Magazine and printed in the Jone, 1900, number of that publication.

After briefly reviewing the history of the Portuguese settlements in China the writer

Coming to the subject of this paper, Religious Memories of Macao, we shall see what was the rapid and remarkable development of one departmet of the colony, that of education, under the auspices of the missionaries. In 1565 the first Jesuits entered the colony, and in a but it was immediately rebuilt on a larger and or eighty rooms in it; not that so many missionaries were ever expected to reside there at a time, but Macao was the headquarters of the Japanese mission, then in its most flourishing period, and it often happened that large bands of missionaries had to await there the monsoon that was to take them to, their field of labour. Then, many of the rooms must have been occupied by the young members of the Society, European as well as Japanese, preparing themselves for work in the mission where so many of them were to shed their bland for the faith which they preached. Japan is quaintly called by an old historian of the Society in Portugal, the pet mission," owing, no doubt, to-its popularity among the youthful aspirants to missionary life. Leon Pages, one of the late historians of Japanese missions, calls St. Paul s College at Macao "a training school of martyrs." As an educational institution, St. Paul's was soon provided with two masters of Latin. two professors of theology, one of philosophy and one of belles-lettres, while the establish ment included a library, an observatory, and an anothecary shop. Where in those early education in the English colonies of North

flow many noble martyrs and illustrious missionaries, brothers and successors of St. Francis Xavier, e-joyed for a longer or shorter period the maternal hospitality of \$t. Faul's! Blessed Charles Spinola was there about the year sixteen hundred, and according to Pages, it was he who designed St. Paul's church, the magnificent facade of which is still standing. Blessed Francis Pacheco was professor to theology there for several years, and among the students at the same time was Blessed Didacus, Carvalho, who was martyred in Japan: in memory to the days when so many men of heroic mould daily passed that threshold,

The church of St. Paul's was begin in the as were to be seen by the inscription on the corner-stone, but it was not completed until about 1623. The story of its building shows how intimately the interests of religion were affected by the vicissitudes of the colony, and to what extent the mission felt the ups and downs of commerce and war. In 1607, one of Macao's righly laden vessels from Japan, bearing the fortunes of many of the wealthiest colonists, was lost on her voyage home. The following year another vessel of the colony was captured in the straits of Singapore by the ing news reached Macao, three ships of the same inveterate enemies and rivals of the Portuguese sailed boildly into the Macao roads and took possession of a vessel all laden for Japan, while the crew happened to be ashore: Such losses weighed heavily upon the little colony, and many a work of zeal projected by the missionaries had to be delayed, or given up altogether, for want of the alms which in the time of prosperity flowed in so generously. Among the delays was that of the building of St. Paul's church. The edifice had been planned on a grand scale; and as money was

Things went on in that way until an hour of ents, who, though few in numbers, were pre-

The assailant landed in a quiet little bay, and being much superior in numbers to the force sent against them, they advanced with next. opened fire with four pieces. The principal force. gun, under the direction of Fr. Rho bimself, threw them into consternation by its first welldirected shot. That was the beginning of their rout and of Macao's glorious victory, which tion,

departments and others, including Chin. raised a majestic basilica that will stand for all without further-delay. It was really a beauth Flour, Y203,621; Others, Y58,440%

ful church, as is amply testified by the monumental facado still standing almost intact. Fr. Jarric, the historian of the Indian missions. says that St. Paul's of Macao was similar to St. Paul's of Con. The facade is all of granite richly sculptured with allegorical and mystical devices, the only fault perhaps to be found with it being that it appears somewhat over charged. Only the front was of granite the walls were massive structures of a kind of concrete, composed principally of ferruginous sand from decomposed granite, mixed with mud from the river and a little lime.

Fr. Alexander de Rhodes, S. J., the celebrated missionary of Cochin-China, writing from Mação in 1623, says of St. Paul's college and church :. "Our Society has a large college here. which can be compared with the finest in Europe. At least the church is the most magnificent I have seen, even in Italy, excepting St. Peter's of Rome." There may perhaps be some exaggeration in this judgment of the enthusiastic missionary, but his words are on record to show at least what impression the edifice made upon him. The writer has had the good fortune of hearing an old and highly honoured Portuguese native of the colony grow enthusiastic over the beauty of St. Paul's when it still stood in the first quarter of the century The woodwork particularly, executed entirely by skilled Japanese workmen, was praised as exquisitely beautiful,

The church stood until 1835, when it was burnt down one blustering wintry night. The frontispiece, as has been said, still stands almost intact, with even the fine bronze statues of Our Lady, of St. Paul, and four Jesuit saints still in their niches. "What fine old cathedral is that?" visitors exclaim, as the outlines of the majestic ruins come in sight, from the deck of religion when missionaries first brought it to of the steamer upon entering the harbour. China some 250 years before Christ, but do they think of the heroism which sent forth of earth by its doctrines of heaven, purgatory, from St. Paul's so many generous youths and men of mature age, ready to sacrifice their best strength and talent to carry " the glad tidings" to the gentiles; ready, too, to give themselves up to the pit or the stake, in imitation of the to his own place, which he had prepared himreverential care the relics of their martyrs in They were all labelled and kept in good order. as long as the Jesuits were there; but later on, and particularly at the time of the fire, things fell into confusion, and the relics were thrown together with no label or mark to permit of distinguishing one from the other. They are still preserved in the domestic chapel of the Jesuits, once more established in Macao, to whose hands they reverted several years ago.

In the same chapel there is another relic of far greater interest. It is a part of the fore-arm of St. Francis Xavier, a bone several inches long... When the arm of the Saint was severed to be sent to Rome, two or three pieces of the bone were removed for distribution among the missions which had been the scenes of the Apostle's labours. The principal of these relica went to St. Paul's of Macao, as representing the mission of Japan, and, also, perhaps, on account of Macao's proximity to the scene of the Saint's death. The Island of Sancian is only sixty miles from Macao. The relic is enclosed in a handsome silver reliquary which was made in London at the expense of a pious family in whose house the relic, though belonging to the cathedral, was kept after the burning of St. Paul's.

THRILLING EXPERIENCE.

Few women in the world have had the experience of Miss Karroll of the Russian Red Cross, who was captured by the lapanese and

arrived in Chelon the day before yesterday with an Osaka bullet wound in her arm, says the Chefoo Daily News. Miss Karroll is probably the first Red Cross nurse who has been taken prisoner on either side. The young lady came direct from New-

chwang and is a visitor at the Russian Consulate where every attention is paid her in order that she may speedily recover from the effects of her imprisonment and the awful sights she has been forced to witness in the line of her duty Stay-at-home people have not a good conception of the horrors of modern warfare. They find official reports cold and matter-of-fact; so are the majority of newspaper reports. Judging from these, they think men die without agony, and. that there is no suffering but the chagrin of defeat. But if you would know of war's darker side, of tears welling from dying eyes, of loving letters written at death's door and dictated by strong men who e life blood is steadily ebbing, and of the heart-rending combination of physical and mental anguish the dying suff rer go to the Red Cross nurses for they alone can tell you the truth. They will not speak of the clang of steel against steel, the shouts of the victorious, and the thrill that comes to the victor when the bayonet goes home, but of other things that are generally left out of account when nations prepare for war Miss Karroll is no exception to the rule.

Like the majority of her sisters of the Red Cross he deserves the applause of all civilised people. It was at Putiloff Hill, eight days ago. that she was captured—At Putiloff hill, the Japanese suffered a reverse, losing a battery of eighteen guns-Miss Karroll was away on the lifeless battle-field, after night fall; striving to locate the wounded by their cries, when a squad of Japanese made her a prisoner.

S' GAR CONSUMPTION TAX.

We have received a copy of tables showing the proposals of the Japanese as regards the increase in the present taxes, the imposition of Duties. The following table, which is of interest to the commercial community of Hongkong, relates to the sugar consumption tax :-

Normal Proposed further Total. A Iready per 100 kin, increased, increase. " II, ... 1.60 Y2.30 , III,.. 2.20 , IV, .. 2.80

the various increases in the present taxes and the following dates:---

Medicine Business Tax—From the 1st January Stamp Duty-From the 1st April next.

the revised Mining Regulations will come into Death Duties - From the 1st April next.

Mining Tax-From the same date on which

Salt Monopoly—From the 1st June next. Other taxes—At the date of their proclama-

day of December, 1904, in the year of the fifth in his own sphere to the accomplishment of may be spoken of at greater length in a sub- 1 'It'ls also reported that it is estimated the following yearly revenue will accrue from the So grateful were the colonists for Fr. Rho's [Cereal Import Tax:-Rice, Y2,021,377; Beans, services at the critical moment, that they [Y447,008; Goma (Sesamum orientalis) flour, the "officials" and heads of Government has been well and truly laid to-day let there be resolved that St. Paul's should be completed [Y25,468] "Wheat, Y112,909; Batter Y1,594;

THE RELIGIONS OF CHINA

The Rev. E. J. Hardy, M.A., author of mun

interesting works, including "How to be happy

though Married," which, by the way, has attained to the penny edition apotheosis of popularity, lectured at the City Hall last evening under the nuspices of the Hongkong Odd Volumes Society, on "The Religious of China. H.E. the Governor presided over a fairly large gathering, and introduced the reverend gentleman, who having admitted that his subject was a very large one indeed, proceeded to treat princip ally with Confucianism, Buddhism and Taoism The first supplied the Chinese with morals, the second appealed to their spiritual nature, and Taoism to their gambling interest in chance and luck. He thought Confucius had been senselessly overestimated since his death and said that his great influence might be accounted for by the fact that his writings were used as text books in schools and for competitive examinations. This great teacher laid no claim to originality and once said he was only an editor and compiler of the works of the ancients yet there was no doubt that many of his precepts were learned from personal experience. He refrained from committing himself: to theories of the supernatural and taught that men know nothing about the gods, but that they should live as if always in their presence. Asked if there were one word which would serve as a rule of conduct for all life, he replied "Is not reciprocity such a word?-What you do not want done to yourself, do not to others. Buddhism, which was at present being simul taneously derided and advocated, and neglected and espoused by the Chinese, was a beautiful From the ruins of the material edifice they may being brought into contact with Taoism form some idea of importance of the mission | and an idolatory imported from India quickly which had such a beautiful church: but little | became debased, accounted for the inequalities transmigration and nirvana. Instead of a fixed heaven and hell for which no one was good enough or bad enough it proclaimed a heaven and hell of many mansions—each person went Divine Pastor who laid down his life for his | self. He who was without desire, dead to himsheep. Fr. de Rhodes, among others, records | self, alone lived. Of the five commandments that the Fathers of St. Paul's used to keep with | of Buddha-thou shalt not kill any living thing; thou shalt flot steal; thou shalt not com-Japan, whenever any relics were to be obtained. I mit any unchaste act; thou shalt not drink any intoxicating liquor - the ordinary Chinese Buddhist obeyed whichever suited him. Taoism was followed by a class of ple who worshipped men who had been famous as discoverers, statesmen, philanthropists or women celebrated for domestic virtue, and believed that humam beings became spirits and are happy in a future world. At the present day, however, the religion had degenerated into little better than a system of fortunetelling and an emporium of incantations against evil spirits. The three doctrines, however, town there is a small kidney-shaped bill over were very contradictory and Chinese consider. ed it safest in the uncertainty as to the bestway of reaching the regions of the blest to take passage by all three of those religious routes. Other speakers included Sir Henry S. Berke-

ley, Hon. A. W. Brewin, and Mr. Dyer B.11 and after votes of thanks nad been accorded the lecturer and H.E. the Governor, the proceedings terminated.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK.

An interesting circumstance in connection with the opening of the new Nagasaki offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, on the 14th ult., was the presentation to the Corporation, by the Chinese merchants of Nagasak of a pair of beautiful silver vases, bearing the following inscription, in English on one and in Chinese on the other:

"To the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking "The prosperity of commerce depends great ly upon the circulation of money. Until the establishment of your Bank at this port in 1806 the merchants of Nagasaki had difficulty in securing advances of money through the security of Banks. Since then the credit of your Bank has been shown to us as well as to foreigners. We, the undernamed merchants, have been greatly profited through securing advances of money from your Bank.

"As your Bank has just been rebuilt, we beg to offer a pair of silver vases in token of congratulation and remembrance."

> WHERE TREASURE LIES IN CHINA.

The following interesting article was specially written for the Shanghai Times and ap- the 5th inst., brought the five submarine boats peared in a recent issue :--

The description of a prospecting journey through the metropolitan province of Chibli the Great Wall, but south of this historic structure. The first place any indication of gold was observed was near the head waters of the Tachihho (Great Stone River) very hard and the quartite streaks very narrow. Down to a depth of 50 or 60 feet the seams are not much more than 7 inches wide. They run more east and west than is generally the case in North China, and they thus give the impression that they are simply leads off the wider and richer seam running north-east and south-west through the Wall east of Pingliengkow, then between Pongs'enshan and Taotaiying to the low hills west of Funinghsien. Here to the south-west of Pinglienkow the first alteration between greenstone so costly that they could not have been made and shist takes place, and the quartite forma- at all except in naval warfare. tion is richer in sulphides of copper and iron and the amount of gold contained is increased. Cros-ing the river Shachingkow (Lowe)

new taxes and the increase in the Customs' Gold Gullie) from Taotaiying one enters upon an agglomerate formation, which might be described as iron banket, extending away in the direction of Tungnanying (South-east Camp). a region full of interesting legends. A peculiar geological phenomenon is noticed in this: 5.00 and west of Taotalying The coal is good, exregions a little further north. We have it on the authority of the Asahi that

ple opportunity for geological study. This, however, militates against the quality of coal very small scale, but in this way when operated with the iron should be most profitable.

Keeping to the high road towards Liuchia part of the road cut over a low granitic hill, on any quantiose load.

east towards the Great Wall or to the south ! outpost to see the man she loves,"

west along that undulating line of hills with the bold, rugged beaks stretching towards the junction of the Shaho and Lango, and breaking suddenly off north of Yungpingiu. Here you will find a continuity of gozzons, in parts very much weathered and showing little signs of the pyrites once contained. Where the seam of which this gozzon is the crown, crosses the gullies or appears on the northern or weathered sides the natives have successfully tapped it notwithstanding its refractory nature.

The works carried on in various places are: merely surface, and may be looked upon in the nature of prospects. They are not bad prospects either, as material taken generally at the native workingspanned out at from 3 to 7 dwt. per ton. Such a return should under ordinary circumstances prove attractive, but under the extraordinary circumstances of cheap Chinese labour, and proximity to railway transit the prospect looks most alluring. So alluring, indeed, that since the region was visited a company has started with the assistance of foreign capital to operate some of the mines on modern. lines. Judicious management should prove the value of this area, though it is by no means one of the really rich areas of Chilli.

Some of the rare earths may be found near the Great Wall immediately north of Liuchia. Some found being vanadium, didimium, rubidium and lanthium, Reports of natives stated that "white iron sands," or what we know as platinum sands, were to be found near the Shaho. They certainly brought in considerable samples which had passed through many hands, but it was impossible to ascertain who was the original finder. It was therefore difficult to say in what region these sands were secured, whether it lay to the north of the Wall or the south thereof. To the north of the Wall gate, known as Taoliangkow, about five miles. a cliff overhangs the river, in which titaniferous iron is found in quantity with the usual associate of platinum, in very small proportion, This left the impression that platinum sands must be sought some distance south of this position in the immediate vicinity of the Wall itself. When the journey was made the river was in flood so that sand prospecting was almost an impossibility.

From Taoliangkow or Liuchia take either a flat bottom boat along the picturesque and rugged bound Shaho, or take a pony as it is exhilerating riding country, and make your way to the old military capital of eastern Chibli known as Yungpingfu, a thriving trade centre, which long ago should have been made a treaty town. giving foreigners the right of residence for trade purposes. The people and officials of this town are most friendly to foreigners, and it is an interesting old town to the east of the Shaho just above the junction of this river with the Lanho.

Further south there is a shallowing of the Lanho, which is used as a ferry crossing at a place called Chihmen. Overhanging this -which the market road lies. This hill is of red. sand-stone-with-an-outcrop_of argilacious lime stone, with here and there a streak of carboniferous state. The undulating low hills east of this abound in small fossils and the country carries a coal measure. The formation and quality being similar to that at the Linhsisection of the Kaiping collieries. Linhsi is however on the so thern side of the railway and gives the impression of the complimentary. dip of the field which runs along the northern side of the railway from north-east of Kuiyi; railway station across the Lanho in the direction tion of Funinghsien. This may appear to be a very big field and so it would be if it were continuous. It twists, and undulates where it is not intermitted by small hills suddenly rising from the seemingly level Chihlian plain. At the same time there is no doubt but that this is only a section of the famous Kaiping coal field.

The great high way leads through Yung. pingly, crosses the Shaho and Lanho through Menchiatun, Shahoyi and Tainingchauttentite out the whole of this journey from the time the Lupho is crossed the indications of iron are not wanting. In the vicinity of Shahoyi there is a small hill chiefly composed of magnetite at one time worked by the Chinese but discarded for the sake of working the brown haematite and black band, found to the south-west of Tais pingche, and to the north in the vicinity of Lichiakow. The native work on the iron deposits is very small in extent and primitive. in execution. Wasteful as the process is the resulting iron which goes to market in Yungpingfu and Fengjenhsien is wonderfully good,

SHIPPING SUBMARINES,

The Fastern Times of the 26th ult. says :-The Kunagawa Maru, which arrived here on the 23rd inst. from Seattle, which she left on for Japan, about which so much has appeared in the American papers recently. Large crowds. witnessed the taking on board of the sections. closed about the gold and copper region, near of those boats in Seattle and many snapshots lof the operations were taken by members of the Press. Two engineers and three artificers have been sent with the boats to superintend the putting together of them. It will perhaps to the west of the Chihmenchi coal field. be remembered that about a fortnight or so ago In this region the feruginous granites are the Gromoboi left Vladivostok and ran on a rock, and it is believed that she was ordered to watch for the Kanagawa Maru and to capture her. As it happened, she stumbled over a rock: and hence the submarines got safely into port,

The present war then will probably also give us the first illustrations of the working of submarine boats in practical naval warfare, and the lessons taught by it in so far as naval operations are concerned, are a veritable windfall to the naval powers of the world and will; save them many costly experiments, and many

LOVE AND WAR

RUSSIAN LADY'S ADVENTURES:

The Asaki publishes the following letter from: its correspondent at the front, referring to the neighbourhood, an I that is the association of adventure of a Russian lady:—"On the night this iron agglomerate with a small coal field, of the 15th inst., a European lady was observed. which it overlays to the south of Tungnanying to be slowly approaching the position of the advance guard of the Centre Army Corps. A ceptionally free from sulphur, but in parts as- | sentinel stopped her, and conducted her to the sociated with nitre, which latter is found in | headquarters of the Corps, where the lady stated that she was a nurse attached to the Russian. North-west of the coal field there is a hill. Army, and that she had lost her way in the course of a walk and happened to reach the There is really no copper on that, which is Japanese lines. The lady, who gave her age Land Tax, Income Tax Business Tax, Patent | nothing more than an outcrop of magnetite, as twenty two, had in her possession a photo-The region is very broken and seried with graph taken of her in company with a Russian numerous deep, dry bedded gullies, giving am- officer, and from this it is supposed by some that learning her lover was taken prisoner in the recent fighting, she had ventured so far with and the facilities of working the same. In fact, the object of seeing him. Others, however, any coal mining in the region can only be on a believe that she is a spy sent by the Russlan Commander in the belief that the Japanese would not take a hospital nurse prisoner and would send her back. But the young lady ab, near the Liuho"the prospector will come on isolutely refused the offer of the Japanese Com. I mander to send her back, Her real motive the sides of which may be seen boulders of appears to be her determination to meet her starved quarts, seemingly lying independent of lover, now in the hands of the Japanese. She has braved the piercing cold of a winter's night Change your course here, either to the north, and the risk of being shot by the Japanese.

At the sales room of Messrs. Hughes and Hough this afternoon, two valuable leasehold properties, situate at Mount Gough, the Peak. were put up for sale by public auction by order of the executor of the will of the late Mr. W. Stuart Harrison, Lot I comprised the leasehold messuage and premises known as "Cheltondale," situate partly on subsection I of section C and section G of Rural Building Lot No. 9, held for the residue of a term of 75 years created by the Crown Lease thereof and partly on section A of Inland Lot No. 1,376 which is held upon a yearly tenancy from the Crown. The Crown Rent is \$11.00. The premises are let upon a two years' agreement from the 1st day of July, 1904, terminable upon six months! notice, but only if the purchaser wishes to occupy the premises. Bidding started at \$14,000 and eventually the property was secured by Mr. Hancock at an advance of

52,000. The second lot to be brought forward was the messuage and premises known as No. 7. Stewart Terrace, situate upon the remaining portion of section C of Rural Building Lot No. 9 which is held for theiresidue of a term of 75 years created by the Crown Lease thereof. The Crown Rent is \$3.35. The bidding was opened with an offer of \$7,000 which rose to \$9,850 at which figure it was secured by Mr. E. Oiborne.

Messrs. Dennys and Bowley were the solicitors acting on behalf of the executor.

SHANGHAI AND HONGKONG DYKING AND CLEANING CO., LIMITED.

8th inst. Mr. G. C. Moxon presided at the second annual general meeting of the Shanghai and Hongkong Dyeing and Cleaning Co, Ltd., held vesterday at the Company's offices, No. 22, Des Vœux Road. There were also present Messrs, E. Haskell, F. Ellis, Chan Ki Pan and Yuen I an Hing.

men,-The accounts and report for the year ending on 31st August last have now been some days in your hands, and I will adopt the them as read. I regret that the working account should show a debit balance of \$5,637.34, but in such an enterprise as ours it is perhaps to be | bers of the Jockey Club. expected that at the outset there should be some loss-as time goes on and the works become more generally known I am of opinion that the volume of business will increase and should be attended with profit. To make use of a backneyed expression, there is no doubt that this Company fills a long-felt want in the Far East, and I cannot but think that its existence will very shortly be justified. It is gratifying to the management to be able to record that the work turned out since we started has given general satisfaction, and it is a cheering fact that our receipts have steadily increased since March last, when the works opened. You have an efficient, expert staff, your works are well equipped and well situated, and I do not think better work could be turned out by any similar Institution. We want more business. of course, which it is our constant endeavour to obtain, and I have every reason to believe that in this we shall be successful. Before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts I shall be glad to answer any questions. There being no questions, the Chairman

proposed, Mr. E. Haskell seconded and it was carried that the report and accounts as presented be adopted and passed, THE REPORT.

The report presented was as follows :-- The directors beg to submit to the shareholders the annual report and accounts for year ended 31st

working account of \$5,537.34. The accounts have been audited by Mr. Arthur R. Leaks of Shanghai.

G. C. MOXON, General Manager. The accounts are as follows :-BALANCE-SHRET.

31st August, 1904. _ Liabilities. 126.87 Sundry creditors.....\$ Hongkong and Shanghai Bank 18,351.92 —18,478.79

\$78,478.79 Assels. Buildings account 23,638.31 Machinery and plant account 25,240.18 Fire insurance unexpired 596.40 Furniture and fittings account 542.99

Cash account.......

Expenses during construction account 14,609.13 Profit and loss account 5,537-34 \$78,478.79 WORKING ACCOUNT.

For the six months ending 31st August, 1904. To Shanghai works charges account... 418 20 .. fire insurance account atationery, printing and advertising account a stock account 2,364.41 .. coal account...... ... Shanghai charges 'account " delivery charges account 138.74 .. water account Shanghai agency account 1,400,00 | Peace, Peace, we'll leave them in peace -..' taxes account Hongkong charges account \$10,418.42

By dyeing and cleaning account \$4,898.73 balance carried to profit and loss account 5,519.69 10418.42

\$10,418.42 PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

For the six months ending 31st August, 1904. To working account balance transferred auditor's fee,.. \$5,588.18

By exchange account balance carried down being net loss 5,537.34 INTERESTING RACES AT HAPPY VALLEY

ST. ANDREW'S STAKES.

There was a large gathering at the Race Course at half-past seven this morning, when two races of more than usual interest to local sportsmen were run off. The first, entitled the "St. Andrew's Stakes," was open to subscription griffins of this season, only, catch weights over ien stones, ten pounds. The distance was half a mile, and when the flag fell the whole of the ten starters got away at a tremendously bot pace. Mr. Apcar's dun griffin forged ahead right from the start, and maintained his lead to the finish winning by a neck. A length divided second and third, with the remainder all-

Apcar's dun (Gegg) 1 His Excellency the Governor's blue dun (Clarke) 2 White and Pircy's brown (Alderton) 3 Cruickshank's blair (owner) 4 Hon, W.J. Gresson's spotted (owner) o Walker's grey (Knox) MacKie's grey (Robertson)...... o Ede and Pott's grey (Mackie) o

Johnston's white (Johnston) o

close up. The runners were as follows :--

Inglis' dun (Inglis) After this came the match between Little Momo and Desert King, who have tied during e gymkhana season, in the matter of marks for the Gymkhana Club Challenge Cup. This proved a most exciting event. Little Momo, ridden by Mr. W. J. Clarke, and Desert King piloted by the Hon. W. J. Gresson were both in excellent fettle. Little Momo got away well, | side : 14 ft. has been driven on it, exposing a and having the inside berth, led all the way to | lode 36 in, wide and worth 12 dwt. It is narthe Black Rock, when Desert King, who had rowing fast, and we expect that in a few feet it been running under a tight rein, pulled out and got half a length ahead of his opponent. Coming down the straight it looked as though Little Momo would be beaten by at least a width (about 40 in.) the winze is occupied by length, but being smartly urged forward improved the position, and at the Ladies' Grand Stand was barely a neck in the rear. Maintaining this improvement, Mr. Clarke got on terms, and passed the post nozzle to nozzle 'The Manager (Mr. Moxon) after reading the | with Desert King. The finish was most ex-

on returning to the weighing room. Amongst the large gathering present were H.E. the Governor (Sir Matthew Nathan, R E., usual procedure with your permission and take | K.C.M G.), and his Aides-de-Camp, Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C M.G, Hon. and Mrs. F. H. May, Hon. Gershom Stewart, and the leading mem-

A BALLADE OF HUNGKONG.

In the valley of Bhong there's a spot called Hongkong,

Which you won't find it easy to equal. They are sportsmen, you bet, but at cricket With a fate which you'll learn from the

They conclusions did try with a team from Shanghai

And eleven from the Straits of Malacca. They defeated their mates, but the men of the Made the pace far too much of a cracker.

Peace, Peace, there's nothing but peace. Though Hancock is "tolerably " strong, He met with his match when he fell to a catch By the " Hawk " in the valley of Bhong, Peace, Peace, there's no hing but peace,

Though Dixon could hardly go wrong, And Arthur and Bird made themselves felt and heard When they played in the valley of Bhong.

On this Island, I ween, there can never have

Such a spirited contest enacted, Though the smoke from the Pocks, and the Umpires' clocks

August, 1904; which they regressioned loss on Just a shade from our pleasure detracted. Dush-Lumedon and Heath-put their swords in a sheath.

And came down to the plains to give battle, Préferring a bat to a cane and cocked hat, And a ball to the musketry rattle. Peace, Peace, there's nothing but peace, Though everything else may go wrong,

War will hardly break out, while there's cricket about In the pastoral valley of Bhong, Peace, Peace, there's nothing but peace,

With the army contingent so strong: If at fighting they play, they will keep foes From the Valley that's Happy in Bhong. It may safely be said that with Mitchell as

The success of a venture is certain: For he's more than all there, whether taking the Chair

Or appearing in front of a curtain. In proposing a toast, I could mention a host Of fine sportsmen, whom time only millows, But it may be enough if I name Mr. Hough As one of the best of good fellows. Peace, Peace, there's nothing but peace-Though victory goes to the strong.

They are not very weak in the shade of the That looks down on the valley of Bhong. Peace, Peace, there's nothing but peace And I fancy before very long They will win further fame, for they do play

In this glorious valley of Bhong. How the H. K. C. C. owes a debt to H E. For the interest he took in the matches; Every day he was there and it seems pretty

He pr. ferred them to writing despatches. Neath his favouring hand you are bound to

Till the place flows with milk and with With a leader like that, you may laugh and grow fat

And be sure of a run for your money. 266.99 There's really no place like Hongkong And we hope that some year we may once more repair

To the glorious valley of Bhong. Peace, Peace, we'll leave them in peace And perhaps we may meet before long: When they visit the Straits, a warm welcome

All our friends from the valley of Bhong. Just a word and a sigh for the team from

Shanghai, With its Drummond, its Parkes, and its

In spite of a Moule they fell into the hole. From which they emerged with two tannings. They were not a bad side; but success was

For they found their opponents still hotter; Yet of victims a score or it may have been Were as clay in the hands of the Potter.

Peace, Peace, there's nothing but peace, Though decisions may sometimes be wrong; They must not complain, but tempt fortune again In the cricketing valley of Bhong.

Peace, Peace, there's nothing but peace A lane without turnings is long; And it may be that soon they will hand back the spoon To our hosts in the valley of Bhong. -JEHU MINIMUS, in S. F. Prati.

THE RAUB MINE.

The following is the General Manager's Report for the month ending 5th November. The mine measurements, and assay results of prospecting work, prepared by the Mine Manager, show a totals of 271 ft. for the period 4 weeks) under review, made up of 56 ft. sinking, 82 ft. driving, and 133 ft. crosscutting, as against a total of 125 ft. for the previous four

New Main Shaft.—Timber for the pump-bob has been delivered, and excavations are now being made for the concrete foundations.

of the headgear.

The coming month will see the completion

Bukit Koman, Main Shaft;-This has been sunk to ft., making the total depth 104 ft. below the 340 ft. level, and 444 ft. from the surface. This depth more than serves for the 5th level. A crosscut has been started East, and it is estimated that in about 20 ft. the main lode will be cu'. The shaft is being continued somewhat to give the necessary sump. The bunch of quartz encountered in sinking last month still continues about 24 in, wide, with a value of 1 dwt. per top.

340 level North.—Here 20 ft. has been driven, bringing the total to 355 ft. The direction of the lode has become more easterly, and a course of soft slate accompanies it. This latter has enabled greater progress to be made. The lode averages 53 in. in the forebreast and about 12 ft. in all, and is worth 3 dwt.

340 Level North,-Hanging wall Branch.-This was started during the month on a dropfer from the main lode on the hanging wall will entirely disappear.

340 Level North, No. 1 Winze.-An addition of 12 ft. makes this total 26 ft. For its whole lode matter assaying about 1 dwt. But this width does not represent the full size of the lode, and at about 50 ft. it is proposed to cross cut to the foot and hanging walls. At present much water is being encountered.

340 Level South.—This has been advanced notice convening the meeting said: Gentle- citing, and both horsemen were heartly cheered, 8 ft. and the total now reaches 330 ft. The lode is 42 in, wide and assays # dwt. It continues to be hard to drill. 340 Level South, No. 1 Winze.—Here we

have sunk 20 ft, bringing the total depth to 33 ft. The lode is 24 in wide and worth 7 dwt. 240 Level North, No. 1 Winze, Drive South off Cross-cut.-This has been extended to it making the total 71 ft. The lode is 38 in. wide and assays 7 dwt. A winze has been sunk 14 ft. in this drive, and is showing a lode 38 in.

wide worth 6 dwt. 240 Level North.-This now totals 742 ft from the shaft, and 45 ft. on the lode since i was recovered, being 8 ft. for the month. The lode is 50 in wide, and assays 14 dwt. There is at-present a-marked-improvement in its appear-

140 Level North :- Cross-cut No. 2 East .-An additional 22 ft. brings this total to 60 ft. Another bunch of quartz measuring about 18 in, wide and of very fair grade has been passed through. Drives both North and South have been put off on the main body, and have been driven 8 and 14 ft. respectively. The lode is 74 in, wide and assays 5 to 6 dwt.

Cross-cutting for Filling : 111 ft. of this work has been done. Stopes.-Ore has been won from the following stopes :-

and worth 21 dwt. Above the 240 Level: 4 stopes; lode 77 in.

and worth 3 dwt. Above the 200 (Intermediate) Level 1 stope; lode 62 in, and worth 4 dwt.

Plant and Machinery continue without Milling Return for month ending 5th Novem-

ber, 1904.
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clean-ups. . Ore milled: -3.130 tons; all from B. Koman. plus 14 tons, blanketings. Mill duty:-2.93 tons per stamp per 24 hours,

melted gold=33.32%.

3.1 oz. per oz. bullion. Tailings assays:-1.14 dwt. per ton=25.17% sured with Chinese firms.

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WATER RETURN. Level and Storage of Water in Reservoirs

on the 1st Pecember. LEVEL. o' of above 9' 7' below wolfravo 28' 13" below Byewash... overflow (13' of below) 10' o" below Wong-nai- 5 16' 2" below- 5 45' 21" below cheong... Loverflow Loverflow STORAGE GALLONS.

385,160,000 307,725,000 Tytam Byewash..... Pokfulam 41,680,000 12,816,000 Wong-nai-cheong 427,840,000 Total.....

Consumption of Water in the City of Victoria. and Hill District during the month of Nov. Consumption...119,670,000 123,229,000 gallons Estimated po-226,000 221,300 pulation 5

Consumption per head per } during the month of November. 15,680,000 gallons Consumption....13,465,000 Estimated po-? pulation

Consumption per head per } The Government Analyst reports that the water is of excellent quality. P. N. H. JOHES.

Waler: Authority,

FRENCH FAR BASTERN FLEET | ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

AT BOMBAY.

After many disappointments, the long expected visit of the French Squadron bound for he Far East, in Bombay harbour, became at last an accomplished fact when at 10.30 a.m. on toth ult, was discerned on the horizon line of war vessels headed by the French cruiser Descartes. On nearing the harbour, became certain that the vessels were none other than that portion of the French Fleet which was expected in Bombay. It was a novel sight to see so many vessels steaming up, and many sight-seers gathered on the Pier head and at the windows of the houses, overlooking the harbour, says a Bombay exchange. The Descartes is the principal vessel in the Squadron and she is accompanied by two destroyers and six torpedo-boats. The squadron will probably remain in Bombay harbour for about a week before proceeding to its destination in the Far East. On entering the port Hon. G. Stewart ... the Descartes fired a salute of 21 guns to which | Mr. P. R. Scott the Land Battery responded within a few

The fleet originally left Toulon on the 10th September last and has since been cruising in the Red Sea calling at Jibouti, Makalla, Massowa and thence proceeding to Karachi where the fleet arrived on the 10th ultimo, and stayed till Monday afternoon, when it left that port at 1 p.m. for Bombay. This is the first trip of the Descartes and her companions to the East. From Bombay the Descartes will proceed in about a week hence to Mahe, French possession in India and thence

After cruising about in different waters the Descartes is expected to reach Saigon, her final at that port for two years. The Descartes, which is commanded by Commander Amet, was built at St. Nazaire, in September 1894, being laid down in January 1893. She is steel sheated and coppered, has two screws, 2 funnels, fore and aft, and two pole masts. Her length is 316 feet, beam 42'4 feet and her mean draught 19'9 feet. She has a displacement of 3,985 tons, and her indicated horse-power, natural, is equal to 18 knots, and forced 20 knots. She has two sets of engines, triple expansion a 1'5-inch protected deck. Sponsors of 6'2 powers of Russia rather than of Japan. New ten 3'9 inches quick-firers all with electric | floated in this market and in London. hoist; eight 3-pounder quick-firers; four 1-pounder quick-firers; four torpedo tubes, and has a cated horse-power 19'7 knots. The other boats accompanying her are Destroyer La Sabre (Commander Lebail), Destroyer La Francisque (Commander Cotoni) and, as already stated, six torpedo-boats, Nos. 245, 246, 247, 248, 249

THE S. S. ! CHUNG ON" LIES IN SIX FATHOMS.

It will be remembered that on the 31st October last the s.s. Chung On, Chinese-owned and manned by a Chinese crew, while on a trip to Nau Chau from Quanchauwan, with a cargo of pigs, foundered in latitude 21 N. and 110.38 E. about one and a half hours' steam from the former port. Upon getting into the open sea she struck the heavy monsoon then prevailing, and a heavy swell running at the time, caused her Above the 340 Level: 2 stopes; lode 115 in. | cargo to shift to starboard, giving her a beavy list, which, when the next swell came along caused her to capsize, the vessel sinking in sifathoms of water, between the outer buoy and the N. W. Channel. Fifty souls all told were lost with her, including the Chinese captain and officers, \$20,000 also going to the bottom. Owing to the heavy monsoon weather nothing could be done to attempt to raise her, but on Sunday last, the 4th inst, the Kone Nam made attempts to grapple her but did not sucand the swell increased. The true verge the saying. Kong Nam had on board one of the ill-fated Chung On's passengers, who had been saved by a junk, after being tossed about in the water clinging to a spar at the mercy of the waves Amalgam yield:--1,597 oz. giving \$32.4 oz. for 18 hours. He essayed to point out to the Kong Nam the exact spot where the Chung On Bullion yield:-3.39 dwt. per ton=74.83% went down, but did not appear able to locate it. It is understood that further efforts will be Mercury loss:—3.61 lb. per too tons milled= | made to raise the Chung $\bar{O}n$, which is only a small vessel of 150 tons gross. She was in-

THE B. I. S. N. CO'S FIRST TURBINE STEAMER.

The British India Steam Navigation Com pany is to be congratulated on bringing out the Turbine steamer Lhassa which is the first of its kind to be installed in Indian waters, says a Bombay journal of 19th ult. She is really a splendid vessel, and is the first of four steamers between the Persian Gulf, Bombay and Karachi. The Lhassa has, been built by Messes. M'm. Denny and Brothers, Dumbarton. She left the Clyde on the 27th October and made a record run of 19 days, to Bombay. She was launched on the 13th July last. During the voyage out she proved herself to be a fine sea boat and behaved splendidly. Her length is 200 feet, breadth 44 feet and depth 26 feet. She has spacious, first and second class airy cabins for forty-four passengers, twenty-two in each class on the upper deck, each cabin having two parts. She has been fitted up with the latest appliances and mechanical ventilators have been provided with electric fans in each cabin. There is also comfortable accommodation in the tween decks for the deck passengers. After a very successful trial over the measured mile, the Lhassa attained the mean speed of 19.09 knots. The Lhassa which arrived in Bombay Harbour on Tuesday evening, is under the command of Captain Trouson, Mr. H. Learmont being the Chief Officer and the exhibited the remarkable turning qualities of ion, and enabled us to breathe freely once the vessel. Complete turns were made in 325 seconds within her own wake. It is not known when she will proceed on her maiden voyage to Karachi and the Persian Gulf.

SHIPPING CONFERENCE.

'RATES RAISED BY FIVE SHILLINGS. The Siraits Times learns that Messrs. Bou-

stead and Co. and Messrs. Huttenbach Bros. out of what is known among local shipping people as the American Shipping Conference— Consumption of Water in Kowloon Peninsula | the American Conference : means to enforce a | officialdom has given place to a feeling of easy | noons up till four o'clock with strict injunctions by the Homeward Shipping Conference.

derence may think fit to charge for freight, -in | names are everywhere torn down. by these two Conferences.

year 7th install The following cards were returned at the monthly meeting held at Happy Valley from the 3rd to the 5th inst. :--Mr. H. W. Robertson 93 - 12 - 81 1'on. W. G. Gresson ... 94 — 12 = 8: Mr. T. S. Forrest ... 82 + 1 = 8 92 — 9 = 8 Capt. Nugent, R.A. ... 93 - 8 = 8 Dr. W. L. Martin, R.N. Hon. G. Stewart or — 5 = 86 99 - 10 = 89 28 entries.

Vir. W. W. G. Ross Hon, W. G. Gresson Mr. T. S. Forrest Mr. C. M. G. Burnie Mr. C. W. May Mr. I. Rodgers 32 entries.

THE BALTIC FLEET. JAPAN PREPARED.

That Japan is prepared to give the Baltic buccaneers a warm welcome to the Orient is evidenced by the fact that a week or so ago special officials visited Shanghar and Hongkong They have now gone on to Singapore, from where they will communicate with Tokio. It I thought by this fact that the Squadron will not I present being Chevalier Volpicelli, Consul get very far in the China Sea before the 'unplace of destination, on or about 1st January expected' happens. As for its ever reaching | man of the Chamber of Commerce, D. W. next. The men, bers of this fleet will remain | Formosa we are told that, according to the pre- | Craddock, Canadian Pacific Railway Company, sent arrangements, it is out of the question.

BELLIGERENTS' WAR CHEST

UNFULFILLED PROPHECIES.

New York, 12th October. East is again occupying attention here. There is no reason to modify the statement cabled you last week that the shrowdest of American vertical, and sixteen Belleville boilers. She has | business men are disposed to back the staying guns 21 inches, gun shields 21 crone steel. York financiers have been sounded lately as to Her armament consists of four 6'4 quick-firers; the prospects of a loan being simultaneously

According to current report, the response has not been such as to encourage the Mikado's complement of 378. On trial she did an indi- Government to come here for money. It is possible that a Japanese loan might be taken up in the event of Port Arthur being captured before the winter sets in, and indeed there is a general belief that the Minister of Finance has decided to make the two events synchronise as closely as possible. Wall-street men point out that the end of the first campaign is rapidly approaching with both belligerents active, confident, and strong.

To all appearance, the end of next year will witness a similar spectacle. Apparently, both Japan and Russia can fight for two more campaigns without physical exhaustion, provided that they can get the necessary money. American financiers are not particularly anxious to raise funds for either belligerent, but, if they must make a choice the majority would prefer

to help Russia. The Herald, which has been obtaining the views of the leading lights of the money markets, has elicited expressions of opinion which fully warrant the foregoing remarks, and also the statements cabled you last week. One banker is reported by the Herald as saying that "he would not touch a Japanese loan witha forty-foot pole," and another known to be favourably disposed to Japan could find no more encouraging remark to make than that there should be little difficulty in floating a Japanese loan here, "provided the security for he same be deemed sufficient, and the price right," which would appear to go without

HOW NEWCHWANG CHANGED HANDS

A NARROW ESCAPE.

You have probably not heard in England, writes a correspondent from Newchwang, all the facts connected with the evacuation of Newchwang by the Russians. As every one-foresaw, it was a time of considerable danger for the whole European colony. In spite of our repeated applications for a British gunboat, the British Government left us altogether in the lurch, and it was touch-and-go that we were

not all murdered and the town destroyed by the

The Russians, who cleared out at six a m., had given the Chinese carte blunche to loot and destroy everything they had left, and being built for the development of the trade by eight o'clock the stores were in a blaze and the stations wrecked. That it would be only a short time before the rest of the European settlement was in danger was perfectly evident, and, as no means of resistance was available, the fate of its inhabitants at the hands of a riotous mob, whose worst passions had been let loose, can easily be imagined.

To the energy and decision of one man, the saving of the situation is largely due. Four Japanese cavalry scouts entered the town. They were unaware that the Russians had actually gone, and had simply pushed on to reconneitre. No one but a single English lady could speak Japanese. But by this means, Mr. Harry Bush, of the well-known firm of Bush and Sons, grasping the situation, made himself understood to the leader of the party, and, with one of the scours, rode out, at considerable personal risk, to the Japanese camp, where he explained the danger to the officer commanding. Fifty Japanese were at once hurried forward into Newchwang, and the arrival of even this small force was sufficient to give pause to

Lieutenant K. Sakara, in command of this French flag, which had replaced the Russian, the constabulary. to be lowered on the Administration, building, as well as the removal of the large gilt twoheaded eagle which surmounted the building, THE Police are at present making inquiries and had hitherto served as the outward and visible symbol of the Tsar's sovereignty in this boy, the servent of Ur. Chadwick Kew of latest sphere of Russian aggression.

-the two firms who up till now have stood the front, and the control of Newchwang was he has been kidnapped. Dr. Kew brought taken over by Major Hoshino and Major Taka- the boy with him from Hongkong some weeks yama, chief of the Military Administration De- ago and took him over to Borneo where he have given in their allegiance to this organiza- partment, who proceeded to govern the town, in went on a shooting expedition. On returning tion, and it is understood that rates to America | conjunction with the Consulsand the heads of the | to Singapore Dr. Kew put up at Raffles. He will go up at once from 20/- to 25/- per ton of 50 | Chinese guilds. A wonderful change has ensued. | gave the boy permission to go out in the cubic feet. There is also reason to believe that | The domineering presence of Russian military sliding scale on the same lines as that operated | tranquility. Every sign of looting and robbery | not to be later. On Friday last says the Stratte from the person is at an end, and the Chinese, Times of 23rd ult., the boy did not come back All of which means, of course, that local in the new sense of general security, are show. to the Hotel, and he has not been seen or shippers are now entirely bound down to book | ing a most amiable spirit. The shops are all heard of since. He was 10 years of age, smart in Conference ships at whatever rate the Con- open, and all the late Russian signs and street and intelligent and had been in Dr. Kew's

other words that the only outlet for goods from It is an interesting fact that immediately afternoon no trace of the missing boy had been this port. shipped free of the Conference, is after the Russian evacuation, there suddenly found, and as he had no friends or relitions in blocked, and that the whole of the freightage appeared from goodness knows where a Japan- Singapore and little or no money when he left to European and American ports is now con- ese Colonel in full uniform who, for months the Hotel, his master thinks it only too probtrolled entirely, so far as reterrate concerned, past, had been living in Newchwang, unknown able that he has been kidnapped and spirited and unrecognised by the Russians.—P. M. G. away.

THE GOVERNOR AND THE VOLUNTEERS.

It is officially announced that II.E. Major Sir Matthew Nathan has presented a challenge cup to be competed for by half-companies, II.K.V.A., and the Volunteer Engineer Company, and to be held for one year by the unit ultaining the greatest number of marks for · fficiency, proficiency and musketry. For each · fficient in a unit 30 marks will be given. and for proficiency each officer and sergeant in a unit the maximum will be a hundred, to be allotted at the annual examination as Vir. W. D. Krast 92 - 12 = 80 follows:-HK.V.A., artillery and HK.V.E. technical drills, 60 marks each, and all units. infantry drills 40 marks. An officer or sorgeant who is not officient, scores nil for proficiency. In musketry each efficient member of the unit who scores at the three ranges 200, 300 and 500 92 - 7 = 85 | yards, over 60 will receive twelve marks, beor - 5 = 86 | tween 50 and 60, ten marks, between 30 and 40. ... 96 — 10 = 86 | four marks, and under 30, nil.

MESSRS. GREGOR AND CO.

INAUGURAL LUNCHEON.

This afternoon an inaugural luncheon was iven at No. 34 Queen's Road, Central, by Mr. R. Pescio, on the occasion of the opening of on "certain business" connected with its arrival. I the wine and spirit business of Messrs, Gregor and Co. The party was small-and informal, and for that reason all the pleasanter, those General for Italy, Messrs. E. A. Hewett, Chair-W. H. Trenchard Davis, Commercial Union Insurance Co., Ld. and others. The company sat down to lunch at one o'clock, and after a very excellent meal had been done full justice to, and the wines imported by Mesers. Gregor and Co. for consumption had been sampled, Chevalier Volpicelli briefly The financial aspect of the war in the Far | charged the company to toast the health of Mr. Pescio, and success to the business. Mr. E. A. Hewett then, briefly welcomed the new enterprise, and in a few happy words suggested greater facilities for the thirsty to find this haven. He lightly touched on the relations of great friendliness existing between the two nations of Italy and Great Britain, and therefore in bringing a new enterprise into the Colony the British Colony they could not but welcome it—there was room for it ! Mr. Pescio. in a few appropriate words, thanked those who had so kindly proposed and responded to the toast of success to himself and the business, and hoped that the wishes expressed might serve as a good omen.—Liqueurs and cigars being handed round, a very pleasant hour was whiled away, in the spacious and elegant show -room of the new firm of Gregor-and Company.

BAD NEWS FROM KWANGSI.

News has been received from Wuchow, on the West river, Kwangsi, to the effect that a body of 5,400 troops, under the special command of H. E. Liu Ch'un-lin, the new Provincial Treasurer of Kwangsi, has mutinied and gone over to the rebels, taking with them all their arms, ammunition, and commissariat supplies. The cause of the mutiny is the failure of the Kwangsi Provincial Government to pay these troops their wages for the past five months. Besides this, the troops were in want of their winter clothing, and many of them died in consequence of exposure as well as starvation. tive, being forced to rebel and plunder the countryside for food and clothing, after which they joined the rebels.-N. C. D. News.

Another report says Viceroy Tsen Chunhauen reports that the troops under Provincial Governor Liu Chung-ling have been disbanded. two regiments being ordered back to Yunnan. Lieutenant General Huang Chung-hou and the troops from Szechuen and Kweichow are dealing with the robels. General Chen Su-kai, the High Commissioner for Frontier defence, has resigned on account of illness. Viceroy Tsen is ordered by the Throne to recommend a suitable officer for the post.

PATAL ACCIDENT AT TANJONG PAGAR.

SCOTCH ENGINE DRIVER KILLED.

On Monday afternoon (21st ult.), an accident occurred at Tanjong Pagar, which unfortunately resulted in the death of a European employed by the Dock Company. It appears. that at about 1.45 p m an engine was drawing a number of laden trucks at a pretty fast pace, when it went off the rails and capsized. There were two Europeans and two natives on the engine. The engine fell on the driver, a Scotchman named McCleod. He was severely scalded by the escaping steam and the boiling water. . The unfortuate man was removed to the General Hospital in a critical condition and died at ten o'clock the same night. An inquest was held by the Coroner yesterday and a

verdict of accidental death was returned. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon and was attended by a number of the Dock Company's employees. It is understood that McCleod had only come out from home a few weeks ago .- Straits Times.

CEMENT WANTED

Mr. J. B. Suttor, the Government Commercial Agent for New South Wales, has informed the Minister for Mines and Agriculture, by cable; that tenders will be received by J. Beardsley, of Manila, Philippine Islands, for Chief Engineer is Mr. G. D. Smith. The trials | the mob in its work of spoliation and destruct- 30,000 barrels of Portland cement, cost free alongside ship at Cebu. Mr. Suttor has also intimated that tenders will be received at Manila by February 1 next for the supply of small Japanese party, at once ordered the 12,000 pairs of canvas shoes, hemp soles, for

> into the mysterious disappearance of a China Hongkong, who is residing in Ruffles Hotel. The next day Lieutenant Sakara returned to There seem to be grounds for suspecting that forenoons till near tiffin time and in the afterservice for about three years. Up till this

VICIORIA REGATTA. FIRST DAY.

The forty-seventh rowing meeting in conneution with the Victoria Recreation Club. commenced to-day over the usual course. Weather of the most delightful character favoured the event, and the large river boat, Kwong Tung, which served as the Club's flagship, and which was gaily decorated for the occasion, was positively crowded with guests, all of whom were bent on spending a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon. Unfortunately, a great deal of time was lost, at the commencement, the Secretary's launch not leaving Blake Pier until nearly one o'clack, whilst the first race was fixed for half an hour later. On arrival on board the Kwong Tune, the guests and a large number of members of the Club, sat down to an excellent luncheon, served in the saloon. The general arrangements, it need scarcely be said, were quite up to the high standard of excellance we are usually led to associate with all functions under the auspices of the Club. To-day, apart from the brief delay, was a happy augury of the complete success of the Regatta, and we have little doubt but that the attendances will be well maintained throughout the week.

degree, and was as follows:-

Patrons: H. E. Sir Matthew Nathan, R.E., K.C.M.O., H. E. Vice-Admiral Sir Gerard Noel. R.N., Il. E. Major-General Villiers Hat-ton, Cox J.-P. Jordan 10 C.B., and Commodore C. G. Dicken, R.N. Stewards :- Sir H. S. Berkeley, KT. Hon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson, Hon. Capt. L A. Barnes-Lawrence, R.N., Messrs F. J. Badeley, F. C. Barlow, Lt.-Col. L. F. Brown, C.R.E., Hon. Sir C. P. Chater, Kt., c.M.O., Messrs. T. P. Cochrane, A. Denison, W. B. Dixon, G. Friesland, E. Goetz, Hon, W. J. Gresson, Mr. II. Gompertz, Hon. Ho Kai, M.B., C.M., C.M.G., Mr. E. A. Hewett, Mr. T. F. Hough, Hon. L. A. M. Johnston, Hon. P. N. H. Jones, Messrs. W. O.

C. A. Tomes, Dr. G. Bateson Wright, D.D. Messrs, H. P. White, and F. W. White. Committee: Messrs. Arthur Chapman, (Chairman). W. Armstrong, W. S. Bailey, G. A. Caldwell, C. H. Grace, E. M. Hazeland, W. G. Humphreys, T. Meek, E. W. Mitchell, and A. Rodger.

Judges of the Rowing Race:-Messrs. A. Rodger, A. Chapman, and Lieut. Percy B. A. Cooper, R.N.

Umpires and Starters:-Starter (Rowing) Mr. C. H. Grace: Umpires (Rowing), Measrs. C. H. Grace, H. P. White, and Hon. G. Stewart.

Time-keeper :- Mr. A. Humphreys. Hon, Treasurer. Mr. R. H. B. Mitchell. Hon. Secretary. Mr. Harold C. Austen.

The band of the 110th Mahratta Regiment. by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. R. S. Birdwood and officers, was present on the flagship, and played an interesting programme of music during the course of the afternoon.

The race for the International Challenge Cup. although only two crews competed. English and Germans, caused some little excitement. The Germans had the advantage in weight. their crew scaling three stone and nine pounds more than the English crew. Both boats got away on even terms, and after going some little distance the English crew led for a short time gaining a lead of nearly a third of a length. After this the Germans reversed the positions. for after drawing level they passed their opponents and maintained a short lead. Both crews were pulling hard, but it was evident that the Germans were taking matters pretty. calmly. After covering two-thirds of the course, the English boat got well ahead and increased the advantage to nearly a length up to about two hundred and fifty yards from the winning post, when the Germans put on a vicious spurt, and pulling at least seven to their opponent's five, won a very hard fought race by a quarter of a length.

The first race after being postponed for a time had to be abandoned on account of lack of entries. The Parsee Cup brought out the whole of the entrants. A wretched start marked the event, but shortly afterwards "Rose" and "Thistle" got together and rowed neck and neck for quite half a mile. Then the "Rose" crew made a hot spurt and, overhauling "Thistle." the crew of which was pulling very short, won with the greatest of ease by four lengths. "Kornblume" and "Shamrock" gave up hopelessly beaten. Then came the race for the Chinese members of the Harbour Police, who rowed in service boats. All the men pulled well and willingly, but uttorly without style

At half past three, H. E. the Governor, (Sir Matthew Nathan, R.E., K.C.M.G.) and suite arrived, the attendance by this time having increased considerably.

The race for men-of-wars' gigs and whalers was interesting from the fact that the famous rowing crew of the Italian warship Liguria, had entered. This crew holds an unbeaten record in these waters, and has defeated time and again both American and British crews on this station, and especially on the North China-coast. The event saw four British boats opposed to the cracks. From the start to the finish, the Italians held the lead, and coming away all alone won by about a quarter of mile amid hearty cheers. Finer oarsmen it would be difficult to find the world over. They maintained the most perfect stroke, A whaler of the Vengeance got second prize. The tub sculling proved an easy thing for

M. Roza Pereira, his only competitor, Cruickshank, breaking a rollock early in the race. The Chairman's Challenge Cup brought out three crews and a very nice race was the result, though the Kornblume in the end won rather easily. The last race for the Lusitano Cup was interesting from start to finish. The Rose made the pace from a good position on the inside, with the Thistle and Leck together in the centre, and Kornblume well out of it. Rose maintained her advantage for the major part of the distance, but was challenged by Thistle, the crew of which put on a good spurt and won a fine race by three lengths.

The Sailing Races commenced about two and concluded about five. The pick of the yachts in Hongkong took part and the racing was most enjoyable, particularly for those on

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Communication English 2 HARBOUR POLICE. - Open to the Chinese members of the harbour police. To be rowed in the service boats. Distance, one mile, Entrance, 50 cents. First prize, \$10; second prize, \$1. Three boats to start for two prizes. Cox 402 Station No. 2 Boat No. , , 410 , , , 3 , , .. 419 MEN-OF-WAR'S GIGS AND WHALERS .- Distance, one mile. Entrance Sr. Time allowance, 8 seconds per oar. Four boats must start for two prizes. Entrance Sr. First Service ones and conditions. Liguria(Italian). Vengennes(British). ARSEE CUP.—Presented by the Parsee Community of Hongkong. For four oars. (Iuniors). Distance, one mile. Entrance. \$10. To be rowed in boats the property of the Victoria Recreation Club. Station No. 3. 2 F. F. Eca da Silva 3......C. Humphreys... 10

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Koehler, J. J. Leiria, Vice-Consul for Portugal, Bow H. M. Bain 8 D. R. Law, H. N. Mody, Owen Ordish, Geo. 2.....F. Loureiro 10 Piercy, A. G. Romano, Consul-Gnl. for Portugal, Hon. R. Shewan, Hon. E. H. Sharp, K.C., 3...... J. J. Watson Messrs. T. Sercombe Smith, M. A. A. Souza, Stroke,... H. A. Seth CoxF. Lammert II SHAMROCK. Station No. 2. Bow.....J. C. Remedios II

2......C. J. Cooke 11 3...... W. F. Thompson 11 Stroke...W. T. Andrews 11 CoxR. C. Witchell Rose 1 Thistle 2 . TUB SCULLING. Half mile. Cup presented by Mesars. G. Falconer and Co. The competitors were

Cruickshank and J. M. Roza Pereira. I. M. Roza Pereira *** *** *** 1 J. Cruickshank... 2 CHAIRMAN'S CHALLENGE CUP.-For fouroars. (Seniors). Cup to be held by the winning crew for one year, but to remain the property of the club. Distance. One Mile. Entrance, \$10.00. To be rowed in boats the property of the Victoria Recreation Club

Thistle-N. H. Alves, bow: H. A. Lammert, 2; F. M. Roza Pereira, 3; C. E. A. Hance, stroke; F. Lammert, cox. Shamrock-A. V. Barros, bow; J. P. Jordan, 2; A. Loureiro, 3; A. E. Alves, stroke; C. M. S.

Alves, cox. Kornblume-t. J. V. Riberio, bow; H. Rapp, 2; R.E. Pearson, 3; L.A. Musso, stroke; R.C. Witchell, cox. Kornblume 1

LUSITANO CUP.-Presented by the Members of the Lusitano Club. For Four-oars. (luniors). Distance, one mile. To be row-Recreation Club.

C. J. Cooke, 3; H. A. Seth, stroke; E. Herbst. | final race, the interport Pair Oars, saw Can-Leek-A. M. Roza Pereira, bow : F. Loureiro, 2; J. Cruickshank, 3; W. G. Goggin, stroke;

P. Jordan, cox. Thistle-J. M. Roza Pereira, bow; J. C. Remedios, 2; O. R. Chunnutt, 3; G. B. Macdonald, stroke; E. Humphreys, cox. ... Kornblums-C. Humphreys, bow; F. F. Eca da Silva, 2; W. F. Thompson, 3; W. T.

Andrews, stroke: R. C. Witchell, cox. Thistle Ross 7 Sailing Race, I. FOR RACING YACHTS .--Championship class. Royal Hongkong Yacht Club. Prizes, cups for 1st and 2nd Boats. Entrance fee, \$5.00. Dione (Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G.) ... 1 Elspeth (Mr. C. A. Tomes) 2 Aileen (Col. L. F. Brown, R.E.) o Vernon (Mr. H. P. Tooker) o The times were as follows: - Dions, 3h. 51m 58.; Elspeih, 3h. 53m. 30s.; Vernon, 3h. 55m. 558. ; Aileen, 3h. 58m. 528. Sailing Race, 2.-FOR RACING YACHTS.-One-design and handicap classes. Royal

and 2nd Boats. Entrance fee, \$5,00. Handi-Handicaps were as follows: Yachts Owners. Alannah (M. W. Slade) scr. Bonito (H. W. Bird) 3.50 Kathleen (Officers, R.E.) 3.50 Min...(Capt. H. Crichton, R.G.A.)... 3.50 Iris(A. R. Rouse) 5.30 Chanticlear ... (Dr. F. H. Parker, R.N.) 7.30 Doreen...(Lt. E. Cummings, R.G.A.) 7.30 Payns (Officers, R.E.) 12.30 Times were as follows:

Hongkong Yacht Club. Prizes, Cups for 1st

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Sailing Race, 3.-FOR ALL OPEN BOATS.-Any rig (Chinese owned boats excluded) keelsallowed. Entrancelee, \$3.00. Handicap. Prize-\$25. Course-round a mark-boat north of Green Island (starboard) and back to the starting line. The boats finished in the following order:-

. H. M. S. Tamar's Cutter 3 16 30 Ruderbarkaras 3 23 27 cutter ii ... 3 30 25 cutter i ... 3 31 10 Rudergrufes li 3 34 12 gjg ji 3 36, 35 Thelis' cutter 3 37 42 galley 3 38 5 Rudergruins 1 3 45 17

The races this afternoon opened under very Cox.....Q. A. Caldwell aldifferent meteorological circumstances, com

pared with those of yesterday. The sky was cloudy, and a strong, cold wind was blowing causing the water to be anything but pleasant for rowing. Whilst not exactly. rough, there was just enoung sea to make things stiff for the competitors. The flagship of yesterday, the Kruong Tung, was exchanged to-day for the Kenong Chow, the (3), Lourelin, (10st libs); (Stroke), L. A. Musso, sistership, and everything was done to make for the convenience of members and vuests. She was gay with flags and by ting and all was in good order. A capital tiffin was served on baard at one o'clock, to which a large num- | C. E.A. Hance, (11st 7lbs); (Cox), C. Humber sat down. The attendance at the start was by no means large, but appreciably increased as the afternoon wore on, a large number of naval officers from the various men-of-war in port, putting in an appearance, whilst there prize, \$15; second prize \$5. (Post Entries). | was an exceptionally large attendance of ladies, | Alves, (10 st o lb). despite the chilly weather, both on the flagship, and upon the numerous steam launches, travelling to and from the starting post. The Band of the 110th Mahratta Regiment was again present, and discoursed a choice and diversified programme of music throughout the afternoon. The prizes, all solid silver, consisting for the most part of handsome cups and flower stands, andattracted considerable attention during the afternoon, being exhibited on the upper deck. the successful competitors by Mrs., Villiers-

They will be presented to morrow afternoon to bow; H. Brandt, stroke; S. Jex, cox. Hatton, wife of the popular General Commanding the Hongkong garrison. The first race had to be abandoned through lack of entries.

The Interport Fours, which was commenced punctually to time, saw the flower of Hongkong and Canton rowing ability matched over a mile. Without making any further allusion to the awkward state of the water, the teams got away on good terms, Hongkong having the left side of the course. For some time it was difficult to say which had the advantage, if there was any, but by the watch Hongkong were pulling thirty to the minute to their opponents, thirty six. Passing what, at one time, was the American sailing ship, Evis J. Ray, the Canton men, assumed a slight lead, which without exertion they increased until they passed the winning post a length and a quarter ahead of the chosen local crew. The victory of the visitors was hailed with hearty cheering.

Three boats turned out for the third event. open to Chinese members of the Harbour Police and the finish was an exciting one, boat No. 1, winning on the post by the narrow official margin of two feet. The cheerful manner in which the winners raised their oars perpendicularly after the gun sounded caused much amusement.

The race for men of war cutters saw four stalwart crews, fourteen oars to each boat, come under the orders of the starter, two being from the Furst Bismarch, one from the Vengeance and the fourth from the Liguria. . The last named were speedily installed favourites after their prowess of yesterday. The race from start to finish was a hard fought one. The first German boat and the Italian boat were inside, and for the greater part of the journey the Germans held a decisive lead. The Italians in the last quarter of a mile, put in all they knew, and the result of a really magnificient tussle was declared a dead heat. The British boat was last.

winning easily by a couple of lengths. .

Three crews turned out to compete for the Hongkong Club Cup, but the race was of the runaway ding-dong order, Musso's boat Kornblance winning by six lengths from Rose with Shamrock tailed off.

'The Boys' Race saw half-a-dežen youngsters from the Diocesan School venture, the crews being distinguished as the "Powerful" and "Terrible" respectively. The first-named with H. E. Edwards, a promising stroke, won easily by a length. A steam launch was literally packed by the schoolmates of the contestants who followed the race, and cheered with might ed in boats the property of the Victoria and main. Kornblume admirably captained by and from the moment the race became both painted. Ross-H. M. Bain, bow; J. W. Bains, 21 after a strong up-hill fight with Ross-The bett an appreciable lead, and were not overton snatch their second victory. The Hongkong boat was the first away, and led by a length for a time. They pulled, however, much shorter than their rivals who covered the course without apparently any exertion or anxiety, getting the better of a stiff race by half a length. Time 7 min. 50 secs.

> FOR CRUISING YACHTS.—European rig. (Owned by members of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club). This is the first of series of 4 races for a cup presented by His Excellency the Governor. Entrance Fee \$5.

Mr. G. H. Potts' Haidee ... 3 15 55 Mr. A. H. Ough's Brynhilde 3 30 45 Mr. Hazeland's La Cigale ... 3 31 55 Mr. R. H. King's Rita 3 38 42 Mr. Reynolds' Alexandra ... retired.

FOR CRUISING YACHTS.—Chinese (Owned by members of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club). This is the first of a series of 4 races for a prize presented by the Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G., Commodore of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club. Entrance Fee, \$5.

H. M. S. Tamar Officers' Tavy 3 54 35 Mr. C. W. Kew's Australian Mr. A. B. Rouse's Snipe Mr. J. Hastings' Dorothy ... 4 17 30 FOR ALL OPEN BOATS .- Any rig (Chinese owned boats excluded). Keels allowed. Entrance fee, \$3. Handicap.

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INTERPORT FOURS .- Presented by the members of the Club Germania. For four-oars. (Seniors). Distance, one-mile. Entrance, \$10. To be rowed in boats the property of the competing club and unit.

Hongkong: Station No. 1: (Bow), G. C. Brueckner; (2), T. E. Pearce; (3), J. Witchell; (Stroke), W. O. Koehler; (Cox), G. A. Caldwel Canton: Station No 2: (Bow), L. Duran (2), R. E. Andrus; (3), R. Leslie; (Stroke), W. Imhoof; (Cox). A. W. Purnell. Canton ... ,..

Hongkong... HARBOUR POLICE.—Open to the Chinese members of the harbour police. To be rowed in the service boats. Distance, one mile. Entrance, 50 cents.: First prize, \$10; and prize, \$4. Three boats to start for two prizes.

Cox 419 Boat No. L. MEN-OF-WAR'S CUTTERS.—The bosts to be approved and handicapped if necessary by the committee. Distance, one mile. Time allowance, 8 seconds per our. Four boats must start for two prizes. Entrance, St. tat prize, \$15; and prizes \$5. (Post entries). Service ours and conditions.

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HONGKONG CLUB CUP.—Presented by the members of the Hongkong Club. For Fouroars (Seniors). Distance one mile. Entrance. Sto. To be rowed in boats the property of the Victoria Recreation Club. Kornblume: Station No. 1: (Bow), R. W Pearson, (tost-5lbs); (2); H. Rapp, (9st tolbs); (tost 12lbs); (Cox), F. Lammert, (11st 6lb). 38 Rose: -Station No. 2: - (Bow), J. P. Jordan, (9st 6lbs); (2), H. A. Lammert, (rost 2 lbs) (3), F. M. Roza Pereira, (10st tolbs); (Stroke),

phreys, (rost olb) Shamrock: -- tation No. 3:- (Bow), N. H Alves. (9 st 12 lbs); (2), A. J. V. Rebeiro, (10 st 2 lb); (3), A. V. Barros, (10 st 2 lb); (Stroke). A. E. Alves, (11 st to lbs); (Cox), C. M. S.

Kornblume... 1 Rose Shamrock 3

Boys' RACE .- (Open to all schools in the Colony). Distance, half-mile. Each school to be represented by one crew only. Age: 15 and under. Entrance free. To be rowed in boats the property of the Victoria Recreation Club.

Terrible (Diocesan School)-L. Clement Powerful (Diocesan School)-J. Young, bow; H. E. Edwards, stroke; T. Jex. cox. Powerful I Terrible

CHINESE CUP.-Presented by the Chinese community of Hongkong. For four-oars. (Juniois) Distance, one mile. Entrance, \$10: To be rowed in boats the property of the Victoria Recreation Club. Kornblume - J. Cruickshank, bow: F.

stroke; R. C. Witchell, cox. Rose-U. R. Chunnutt, bow: J. M. Roza

Pereira, 2; J. C. Remedios, 3; W. G. Goggin, stroke: E. Herbst, cox. Shamrock-II. M. Bain, bow; F. F. Eca da Silva, 2; J. J. Watson, 3; G. B. Macdonald, stroke; J. P. Jordan, cox.

Kornblume Rose 2 INTERPORT PAIR-OARS. - Cups presented (Senior). Distance, one mile. Entrance \$5. To be rowed in boats the property of the competing club or unit.

Hongkong-J. Witchell, bow; W. O. Koehler, troke, Siebs, cox. Canton Rowing Club-R. Leslie, bow; W.

Imboof, W. Purnell, cox. Canton I Hongkong... 2

THIRD DAY.

The concluding day's sport was favoured with beautifully fine weather, though there was stiff breeze blowing, and the water was anything but lakelike. The Kwang Tung served as the club's flagships, and there was an exceptionally large attendance on board. The Band of the 110th Mahratta Regiment was again is attendance and played pleasing selections of popular music throughout the afternoon. The first race, the open Challenge Cup,

brought out three crews-the pick of the Hongkong Boat Club, the Canton Rowing Club and the V. R. C. The start was a good one. The dead heat was round off, the Germans | The Boat Club, on the left, took the lead shortly after the start with Canton in the centre, and the V. ". C. boat on the right. This lead they converted into a length, and maintained the same for quite a quarter of a mile, Cantan having at the time a similar advantage over the V. R. C. boat. So they raced for the next minute and a half, when [the. Conton men, rowing in the same confident style as marked their performances yesterday drew out, and overhauled the Boat Club at the end of the half mile. The visitors took the lead, the V. R. C. men being at least two H. A. Seth, accounted for the Chinese Cup, exciting and interesting though the visitors etila big spurt and at the Evic J. Ray hulk overrace from here was one long struggle on the part of all three, but Canton held the contest well in hand, and won a splendid race by a with third honours.

The race open to Chinese members-of-the I chow, and you're out all day from 8 to 4. crews as yesterday, only this afternoon No. 4 when you haven't a bed, you'll find it Only three crews came out for the men- preliminary confinement.) of-war gigs and whalers, two from the Furst won how they liked.

named being adjudged a quarter of a length amount of daily toil. I was liberated. ahead, when the gun sounded,

fiasco. There were only two boats entered, of the Harmston's Circus arrangement for and shortly after the start E. Humphreys, in his companions clear out of the race.

The Dragan Bout race, on the other hard, each being manned by a crew of not less than

After the race for the Ladies' Prize. The prizes were distributed to the successful competitors by Mrs. Villiers Hatton, the Ladies' Trize being presented by Miss Barnes Lawrence.

CHALLENGE CUP.-Open. For four-oars. (Seniors). Distance one-mile, and a half. To be rowed in boats the property of the competing club or unit.

(Bow) A. Toolcke. (2), C. G. Brueckner. (3), B. Siebs.

(Bow), H. Bollmann (2), E. E. Andrus. (3), R. Leslie (Stroke), W. Imhoof (Cox), A. W. Victoria Recreation Club :- Station No. (Bow), R. W. Pearson, (2), T. E. Peace, (3

L. A. Musso, (Stroke), J. Witchell, (Cox), G. A. Caldwell. Canton V. R. C. 2 HARBOUR POLICE.-Open to the Chinese members of the Harbour Police. To be rowed in the service boats. Distance, one-

boats to start for two prizes. Boat No. 4 I MEN-OF-WAR'S GIGS AND WHALBES .-- Distance, one mile. Time allowance, 8 seconds per car. Four boats must start for two prizes. First prize, \$151 and prize \$5. (Post

entries). Service ours and conditions. Liguria S

Distance, one-mile. First prize, \$10; Second prize, \$5 Six bouts to start for two prizes. Wing Mau Ch n :- "tation . O. 1. Tai Hing .- Station No. 3. Ten Kee:-Station No. 5. Hung Hop Chan :- Station No. 2. Po Kee :- Station No. 4

Yau Lee: -Station No. 6. Yau Lee A. ... BROKERS' CUP. LIGHT GIGS -(Double sculls) Presented by the brokers of Honokong, Open to members not rowing in the four-oared

races. Distance, half-mile. To be rowed in boats the property of the Victoria Recreation POWERFUL:-Station No. 1:-(bow), A. Mackie; (stroke), H. Lamont; (cox), J. Cruick

TERRIBLE :- Station No. 2: (bow), E Humphreys: (stroke), S. A. Seth; (cox), J. P. Terrible Water San San 1

Powerful ... 2 DRAGON BOATS .- Open to Chinese dragon boats. Distance one-mile. Cash prizes. Four boats to start for two prizes. LEUNG TSOL YAU :- Station No. I LAI HOI FU:-Station No. 2 KWOK MAN PO :-

Station No. 3. Kwok Man Po... Lai Hoi Fu 2 LADIES' PRIZE .- Presented by ladies of Hongkong: For four-oars. Distance, one-mile. To be rowed in boats the property of the

Victoria Recreation Club. Thistle: -Station No. 1: -(bow), R. W. Pear-Loureiro, 2; C. J. Cooke, 3; H. A. Seth, son (10st 5lbs); (2), T. E. Pearce (17st 1lb); (3), G. B. Macdonald (tost 6lbs); (stroke), L. Musso (rost 12lbs); (cox), G. A. Caldwell;

Rose:-Station No. 2:-(bow), A. Loureiro (tist 4lbs); (2), C. E. A. Hance (tist 7lbs); (3 H. C. Austen (- -); (stroke), J. Witchel (- -); (cox), F. Lammert (11st 6lbs). Thistle:—Station No. 3.—(Bow), A. J. V Ribeiro, (10st. 2lbs.); (2), N. H. Alves, (9st. 12lbs.); A. V. Barros, (10st. 2lbs.); (Stroke), A. E. Alves, (11st. 10lbs.); (Cox), C. M. S.

Alves, (10st. olb.) Ross in the me too too the too 1 Thistle HONGKONG'S HOUSE OF DETENTION.

(Specially written for the Hongkong Telegraph.)

BY AN EX-INMATE.

We have received the following notes from an ex-inmate of the House of Detention, which may prove of interest to our readers :--

The beachcomber who, of his own free will seeks admission to the House of Detention Hongkong, is no beachcomber in the accepted sense of the term. The House of Detention is no paradise for the man who won't work; it is no resting place for the man who will work, if it comes to that. Properly, the beachcomber when he arrives at the House of Detention has been dragged there by the scruff of the quintessence of a grumbler.

But there are others, who have become the sport of the god . Fickle fortune has shown its worst side to them, and after enduring the buffets and lashes of the capricious jade, they find themselves literally between the devil and themselves as members—which is a beautifully euphemistic word-of the House of Detention. Unfortunately, I was one of the latter class. It is needless to say how I reached the depths, lengths behind, but from this on the last named beyond asking a charitable belief in the phrase improved their position by a length or more, I that even the devil is not so bad as he is

One bright summer morning, I called at the exerting themselves. The V. R. C. men put on | Magistracy, a place which once held for me all the terrors pertaining to the unknown, and took the Boat Club amid loud cheering. The stated my case. Was I homeless P. Alas, yes, Did I want to enter the House of Detention? There was no other hope for it.

"Oh, that's all that right", said a bluff inlength. The Boat Club crew had to be content | spector, with a heartiness which I have often. wondered at. "You'll just go in, get you Water Police brought out the same boats and long as you come in at 4 and don't stay ou boat beat No. 1 boat, making up for yesterday. right." (There was no mention of ten days

From an official point of view that may b Bismarck, and the crack team from the absolutely true. The real experience does not Liguria. The last named had only six however, wear such a reseate hue. I pass the oars to their opponents' eight, and in experience of facing the Magistrate, confessing consequence had a time allowance of thirty- | that I was a "vagrant" in the legal sense, and six seconds. This, however, was not in marching to the House of Detention. What any way necessary, for they took the lead soon | understood was, that I had been sent to a place after the start, and never being even challenged | totally different from the Gaol. I was not a criminal-merely an unfortunate European who The Snake Boat race, each craft being man- wanted a bed and some food, and I imagined ned by Chinese coolies, brought about an in- a place which in some degree resembled an teresting finish between boats 5 and 6, the last | English work house where, after a certain

Well, I was "escorted" to the Gaol, and The race for the Brokers' Lup turned out a placed in a cage, something after the pattern tigers. One half of the cage was set apart for the Powerful, broke an oar, which put him and | Europeans and Indians; the other was given over to Europeans. A couple of filthy Indian who had been sentenced to some months created great amusement. The boats started, imprisonment for misdemeanours were caged. along with me and there we sat. From 10 to fifty men-paddlers-with the usual addition of 4 there was nothing to eat. Then the tom-tom artists and devil scarers. It proved a European got a loaf of bread and water and capital race all three being well up at the Indians had some specially cooked food which might have been anything. That was a hungry day if you like, THE HOUSE-THE PRISON!

The worst was to come. The House of Apcar's big dun, with Gegg up, rattled off a Detention it turned out was no place set apart I very even mile in 2.30, last quarter 35. This for poverty-stricken individuals-it was the pony has a beautiful stride, but is a terrible prison. A poor man and a criminal are the i slug, which after all in the China pony is not a same in the eyes of the law as understood in bad defect, provided he is game and answers to Hongkong. The criminal gets into prison clothes -so does the man sent to the House of Detention. The criminal is locked up in a Hongkong Boat Club :- Station No. 1:- | cell and visited every five or ten minutes by a warder during the night-so is the unfortunate. C. Koenig. (Stroke), W. O. Koehler. (Cox), Indeed, the cells of the criminals, and the paupers are interchangeable. There is this differ-Canton Rowing Club:-Station No. 21 ence. A criminal during the first seven-or perhaps it is fourteen-days of his incarceration is fed on bread and water. The pauper or 3 | prison fare. But here comes the rub. For ten | it seems after all that perhaps his little mean ove Detention, he is kept locked up, and has, like a criminal, to pick a pound and a half of oakum. putka beachcomber few can have much have a fair chance. mile. First prize, Sto; and prize, \$4. Three

Happily, warders are human, and those in and others. Chinese prisoners, yet they are eminently evene mile. In fact, it is stated that the best mile

SNARE BOATS, -Open to Chinese snake boats. I tempered and unless a European misbehaves himself, which is very seldom, so far as I know. is anything but hostile. At the same time, I am not likely to apply for a position as warder -it would try the temper of a saint

> THE WORK The routine of the Detention man for the first ten days is regulated by clock work. Like the criminal he rises at 6; and runs with a bucket and basin to the yard. That part of the business always seemed very much like a farce, as if the warders wanted all and sundry to do a hop, skip and jump to make sure they were awake. About 6.15 a.m. along comes breakfast which may be cocoa or gruel with plenty of bread. Then work-outside for the hardened sinners, inside for the paupers. At 10.45 work is stopped and dinner is served. One day it will be soup and duff and bread, and the next soup and steak and bread. The first time a man strikes that duff he thinks he has found a saturated piece of the Peak in his tin. By-and-by he gets hungry and it disap-

THE OLD AND THE NEW. Sunday sees a special dinner of what is probably meant for rice and fish curry. It is a vulgar imitation of the real thing; but it is a change. After an hour's break, then work is resumed. The old hand in the House of Detention has about finished his task and goes to sleep—the new hand is troubled with corns on his fingers, and thinks himself lucky if he finishes by 4 15-the regulation time. Then the criminals troop back and dinner, usually gruel and bread, is served. After that you wait till daylight disappears and then go to bed."

That may sound idyllic, but few people can sleep twelve hours on end and in the lonely watches of the night, many a sigh and sobpenetrates the brick walls of the darkened corridors, and the Sikh watchmen who visit each cell and look through the spy hole could tell a tale of the breakdowns that occur when the cells are supposed to be still.

Even under the best of conditions there are. annoyances, however, and a few of these may. be detailed in another articles

TURF TOPICS.

With the advent of the racing season I am called upon to again make my bow to your readers, and in so doing express a hope that the forthcoming meeting will be as successful and enjoyable as its many predecessors. There are still some two months to elapse before the actual races are due but the time should be pleasantly passed by early risers who know the many benefits to be derived from by a walk to the rails ere the dew is off the grass, My budget of news for this morning is somewhat short, but it includes at least one important item—the running off of the tie between Desart King and Little Momo-which, of course, overshadows everything else for importance. Butof this more anon. The gathering at the course today angurs, well for the success, of the many other preliminary meets before the races. The spirit imparted into the sport by the active participation of our Governor in bound to popularise racing in Hongkong to an extent not hitherto known, and with such a keen a sportsman as the Hon. W. J. Gresson at the neck, and as a consequence, perhaps, he is the head of the Ewo stable we should see the revival of enthusiasm on the local furf by the representatives of the familiar "blue and

The morning opened bright, and drew quite a large gathering of sports to the Course, while the number of ladies present was well up to the deep sed. It is a case of starve and wan- the average for so early in the season. The der homeless in the streets, or voluntarily offer | griffins went for a few spins, and the best times made were as follows :--

H. E. the Governor's sub-4 mile, 1:48 Dr. Jordan's sub-1 mile 1.11

Mr. A. V. Apcar's sub-1 mile 2.30 Mr. H. P. White's sub went round for 11 miles; apparently he is a long distance personal desert King and Little Momo was run off, the former" being piloted by the Hon, W. J. Gresson and the latter by its owner, Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton, Desert King, however, won by two lengths in 2ms, 25 3/5 secs., and thus decided the record

of three dead heats in the annals of China

EARLY BIRD.

This morning, as usual on Saturdays, quite a crowd of sporting folk but in an appearance at the rails. The long expected match between Desert King and Little Momo was somewhat of a flasco. The little skewbald went down to the post in a very scratchy manner, and never at any part of the journey seemed to be able to extend himself, Desert King won with the greatest of case by about a length and a half, and was not at all distressed when he came back to weigh in. Mr. G. K. H. Brutton, the owner of Little Monso, elected to ride himself, so the ponies were both carrying level weights, viz, 11-5. The time was very slow-2.25, but no doubt the King could have done better as Mr. Gresson was hanking his head off the first three quarters of a mile in an endeavour to hold him behind Little Momo. Some of the sub-griffing showed really fine

form, despite the fact that the grass course was a little holding in parts." Gresson's spotted, boy up, Johnstone's gray, owner up, and Cruickshank's black, Gresson up, were sent a mile, which they rattled off in the fair time of 2.31, last quarter 34. The spotted, having such a big pull in the weights, managed to hold his end up in the run in, and the other

two finished together. H.E. the Governor's little blue dun, Johnstone up, was also sent along for a nice working gallop. He negotiated three quarters of a mile in 1.48, last quarter 33, and finished full of running. This pony has improved wonderfully of late, and his trainer is adopting the good old policy of "Slow and Sure."

the whip and spur.

Mr. Dorablee's white is credited with having done the fastest mile of the morning, viz. 2.21, I personally took his last three quarters, 1.47. and last quarter 33. Students of form must keep an eye on this pony in connection with long distance events, as he has that low, long stride which is so very deceiving.

Mr. Mody's crack, with Alderton up, was son! half a mile, but did not take the eye at all; he vagrant is not reduced to that; he gets ordinary appeared to be moving short, and looked shifty, days after being committed to the House of | will tell its own tale when it comes to racing. Mr. Forrest's pony pleases me more and more every time I see him move; he spun off If a man has contravened the law and suffered half a mile in 1.6, last quarter 31, finishing the penalty, he may proceed with a calm mind with his head in chest and his pars pricked. to do his work; the poor unfortunate who is out | Should he be able to stay, this animal is un, at heels and is, it may be, the mere jest of fate | doubtedly good enough to make a Dorby runsuffers immeasurably. Of course, for the ner, and with good griffing so scarce should

sympathy, because he won't work, not if he had I believe it has never been known for a suba choice of jobs. There are beachcombers here griffin to win a Derby, although there have now who will say that they would rather starve been subs good enough to do so. Straight. than work.

charge of the European section of the gaol-it. News from Shanghai le not very promising, is useless mincing words because the House with regard to griffins, mensdown from that of Detention is the gaol-are exceptionally port stating that though some bundreds of reasonable and fair. Half the day they are ponies have arrived and been tried only a very aggravated, beyond endurance simpst, by few have been found to be able to stay up to a

done so far by griffins, in the Northern settle. ment has been 2-24. This is not exactly winning time. Last year nearly all the races were won by the ponies that arrived first. Condition, whether in man or beast, is bound to tell, and probably this season will again relate the same tale. Mr. Gresson has just landed four Derby griffins, not a bad looking lot, but this year the old pony ricing, to which I will refer later on, should prove the most sporti gans a lot of money has been expended on crack!

LARRY LYNX

NAVAL NOTES.

The Leviathan arrived from Weihaiwei yesterday afternoon, and will leave on the 5th inst, for the Mediterianean Station where she relieves the Bacchanie. She takes away from here a number of time-expired men and drafts of acting seamen gunners who are going home to complete their qualifications in gunnery,

For throwing a signal book overboad a seaman of H.M.S. Centurion, now at Singapore, has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment. Such insensate deeds as these are happily rare in the British Navy. A few years ago some one threw overboard parts belonging to the guns of one of the Channel First battleships, The culprit was never discovered, but it was generally believed that spite dictated his action, as there was dissatisfaction amongst certain members of the crew at the time. On the few occasions on which signal books have been lost treachery has naturally leen suspected. Carelessness or spite would; however, have been found the real explanation of the affair, could it have been probed to the bottom. At any rate, the Admiralty seem to have been quite satisfied that none of the missing volumes found their way into foreign hands, though certain rival Powers would gladly pay a big price for one of them. They spend a lot of money in trying to get a knowledge of the inside of things in the British Navy.

The decision to withdraw a number of small and obsolete vessels from stations abroad may be regarded as the first instalment of the reforms promised by the Admiralty. No one knows better than Sir John Fisher what a waste of men and money it is to keep such craft as the Britomart and Pearl in commission. The day of the gunboat and third-class cruiser has gone by, whilst the sloop is an anachronism that must soon disappear from the Navy list, says a home correspondent. On the China Station gunboats were retained for river service. But the Admiralty has seemingly come to the conclusion that this work can bebetter done by other ships. We built sloops especially for the l'acific, in order to keep down the coal bill. However, since the ill-fated Condor was wrecked, the sloop has fallen into disfavour. None too soon, either, for it is a worthless type of warship.

port, New Zealand, coal induced the Admiralty stated, however, that some dissatisfaction is being felt with respect to certain features of the coal, which have been pointed out in a report that has been forwarded to the naval authorities in England. For one thing, it is asserted that the coal is of a very friable nature, and that at least 80 per cent, of it goes to "small," only 20 per cent, being marketable | broke up. Everything moveable that was navy, it has a tendency to turn to dust, and, consequently, loses its good qualities for steaming purposes. The importance of these statements is obvious. If they are correct the ation the question of the contro be used a South Wales coal, says a Sydney exchange, The trade here is not very flourishing, and it is her owners, The Friars Steamship Company urged that the Admiralty in London should be approached for the purpose of having tests made, thus, if possible, ensuring that our coal is used on the Australian and China stations. So far as is known, the only objection to the Newcastle coal is that it makes too much flame, but that should not be an insuperable difficulty. The matter is worth the attention of those specially interested in the trade

The first-class German cruiser Hertha will visit Sandakan on the 20th January, 1905, and will remain until the 22nd.

The U.S. cruiser Baltimore came in from Cavite yesterday morning, and will proceed to Cheson at an early date to relieve the flag-ship New Orleans (Admiral Folger).

The Hecla, which has been at Chatham for a considerable period, is to leave very shortly she having been appropriated for service on the China station as a depot ship for topedoboats and destroyers.

Hongkong is now being honoured by the presence in port of H. R. H. Prince Luigi Amadeo Giuseppe Marie Ferdinando Francesco of Savoy, Duke of Abruzzi, who is in command of the Italian cruiser Liguria, which arrived from Shanghai yesterday morning and exchanged salutes with the port. The Duke, who was born in Madrid in 1873, the third son of the then King of Spain Amadeo, is as distinguished as a man of science as in his professional career in the Italian navy. In his expedition to the North Pole in 1900, in which he last two fingers from frostbire, he reached the farthest point north ever attnined, Lat. 6.34 north surpassing Nansen's farthest. He is also the author of a very interesting account, published in 1900, of his ascent of Mount Elias,

This morning at eleven o'clock he landed from the Liguria, and in company with Cheva- other casua ties. The cause of the outbreak fier Z. Volpicelli, consu'-general for Italy, paid formal calls on H E, the Governor, Sir Matthew Nathan, KCM.G., Admiral Sir Gerard Noel, K.C.B., and Major-General Villiers Hatton. C.B. and afterwards took luncheon at the residence of Chevalier Volpicelli, at the Peak.

H.M.S. Leviathan sailed for Singapore and the Mediterranean, at half-past four yesterday afternoon, having on board time-expired men, invalids, and gunnery drafts. During the evening of the previous day a draft of forty men left the Vengeance to embark on the cruiser for hama on the 21rd. The refloating of the ship England where they are to complete their gitnnery course. The ship's company manned the jetty at the docks to give them a good send off with hearty cheers and best wishes, while the band played "Auld Lang Syne" and "Rolling Home." The draft left in the ship's launch and are taking passage in the Leviathan as far as Singapore, where they will probably reembark on the Cressy: The Leviathan was cheered out of harbour by the remainder of H.M.'s ships.

The battleship Vengeance was floated out of the No. 1 deck at Kowloon yesterday afteranchorage about five o'clock. During the the sea, "No injury was done beyond a wetthree days she was in dock the v. ssel had her | ting. under-water fittings attended to and the bottom scraped and painted.

8th Inst. The first-class battleship Alblon in expected

o arrive shortly from Weihaiwei. 🐡 11.M.S. Vengeance took 1,400 tons of coal proceed north at an early date.

missioned at Devonport by Capt Shortland, is brin, ing out a complement of 670 officers and fine Portland & Asiatic steamship Aragonia, is men. As aiready stated by us she is to relieve the Crees on this station. The United St. tes flagship Wisconsin, Capt.

Clover, is expected here shortly from Shanghai. Deic ries, is due at Saigon early next year. As announced elsewhere in this issue the vessels vived in port from San Francisco, with 3,822 have already arrived at Bombay.

WRECKED ON BUMBAY SHOAL

CARDIFF COLLIER ABANDONED.

Much has recently, been heard of the perils of the southern part of the China Sea by reason of the stranding of several steamers on Bombay Reef, a dangerous ridge of coral forming part of the treacherous Paracels. It was not long since that we had to record the loss of the Baron Gordon, and then came the stranding of the Agincourt, the last named, however, being successfully refloated and brought to Hongkong for repairs. And now comes the news of another loss, close alongside of the abandoned Buron Gordon. When the British sloop Rosario arrived in port yesterday she had aboard Capt. Brootly, the officers and engineers, and crew of the steamer Shrewsbury, which ran on to the Bombay Reel three weeks ago, and is now exposed to heavy seas which are rapidly breaking her up. It appears that the ship, which, by test for amateurs took place, and morning contemporary, was on a voyage from Cardiff, which she left at the end of October, with a cargo of coal consigned to the Admiralty. On Wednesday last, there being no sign of her putting into port, and no news being brought in by any incoming steamers as to her whereabout or her fate, the Naval Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Sir Gerard Noel, K. C. B. despatched the Rosario with instructions to procee 15 outh and look out for the missing steamer Accordingly the sloop left on her quest, and suspecting the Bombay Recfiguras responsible for her delay, a course was set in that direction, with the result that the Shrewsbury was sighted on Thursday, flying signals of distress from the reel. The Rosario bore down upon her, and a boat was sent off to the stranded vessel, when it was learned from Captain Broply had been there, since the 18th ulto,, and though he had signalled to passing steamers, the signals were either not observed, or disregarded. The vessel had a fine voyage as fir as Singapore, but from there she met heavy monsoon weather, and about midnight on the 18th was carried, apparently by a strong current, on to the Reef, not a mile from the ill-fated Baron Gordon.

The Shrewsbury lies down by the bows with her stern up, and from her position, no hope is entertained of saving her, and, The splendid steaming qualities of the West- | after taking the crew on board the Rosarto, the Shrewsbury was abandoned. The crew conto largely adopt this fuel for the navy. It is sisted of seven officers and engineers and 42 lascars. As soon as the vessel struck, it is. alleged, the lascars would do nothing, but wrapped themselves up in the blankets, and "waited for day," after the manner of lascars! As she lies she apparently has several holes in her bottom as she was making water rapidly. and it was not expected to be long before she round coal. Further, if the coal is stacked for | worth saving was removed and brought up in any length of time, as it must be with the the Rosasio. It is understood that the officers of the doomed vessel will be sent home, the lascars being despatched to Calcutta.

The s.s. Shrewsbury is a steel built vessel 3,223 tons gross, and is 329.7 feet long, 45, Admiralty will have to again take into consider. | broad, and 16.1 in depth, and has a steel spar deck. She was built, in 1898, by Messrs. W men-of-war. This should be chance for New Hamilton and Co., of Fort Glasgow, was engined by Messrs, D. Powland and Son, Glasgow for Ld. and was classed A.I. at Lloyds.

KIRE IN THE DOCKS.

OUTBREAK ON THE S.S. "INDRAVELLI."

Shortly before twelve o'clock last night fire was discovered in the hold of the s.s. Indravelli which is now lying at the Hongkong and Wh mpoa Docks at Kowloon, undergoing alterations to fit her for the South African coolie emigration run. The origin of the outbreak has not so far been discovered, nor the exten of the damage done, though that is not though to be much, as she had practically nothing in her but the woodwork then being fitted up. Th Fire Brigade, with Inspector Macdonald i charge, was soon on the spot, and volumes of smoke were seen, issuing from the hatchway, and on this the hose was brought to play, until nine feet of water were pumped into the vessel, and the fire was got under shortly afterwards. In the operations Police Sergeant Counsell had a bad fall into the 'tween deck, and was so hurt as to necessitate his removal to the Government Civil Hospital, where, however, he i progressing favourably,

FIRE AT YAUMATI.

At about two o'clock this afternoon a report was turned in that a fire had broken out below the Russian internment camp at King's Park, Kowloon. The Fire Brigade, under Mr E. R Hallifax and Chief Inspector Baker, immediately repaired to the scene of the outbreak It appeared that the fire originated in some matsheds, and spread to the biller works of Pong See Sing, which was reduced to ashes, the loss being estimated at \$800,000 while the property was uninsured. An unfortunate monkey perished in the flames, but there were no could not be ascertained.

SHIPPING ITEMS.

The steamer Bygas has been sold to Japan-

The Italian steamer Pante has been bought

The Ben liner Renmohr struck a sunken rock near Mekarisaki point when entering Moji harbour on the 25th ult. She left Yokois reported to be a difficult job.

The Argo and two other Norwegian steamers and the German steamer Independent have been sold to Japanese,

The Japanese sealing schooner Kiyoichi Maru, with a Japanese crew and four foreigners on board, was sunk by a Russian manof-war in the Sea of Okhotsk on the 21st of August last.

When the N.Y.K.S. Kanagawa Maru arrived at Yokohama from Seattle on the 23rd ult., her ladder was so crowded with the usual throng of visitors, hotel-runners, etc., that it noon and lest for her buny in the Admiralty | broke in half, and a number of people fell into

> The steamer Taishun damaged her rudder by collision with a junk in the Peiho.

the Shanghai Times says:-

Many inquiries have been made here recently for small steamers. The Kaskat, a German shourd yesterday and in all probability will sie mes of 1,000 tons dead weight, was sold today for £8, oo. It is believed Russian agents | The cruiser Hogue, which was recently com- | are the parties desiring to purchase vessels.

Captain Schuldt, the popular master of the the proud possessor of a handsome goldenamelled Knights Templar badge that was preserted to him at a private dinner given General Charles F. Beebe at the Arlington The French Far Eastern squadron, with the Club when the Captain was last at Portland, The British steamer Stanley Dollar has ar-

tons of flour aboard.

CANTON LEPER RELIEI FUND.

We have to acknowledge the sums of \$62 from the Professors and students of the Canton. Christian College, \$50 from Mr. Ho Tung and \$21.50 from the First Presbyterian Church (Chinese), Canton on behalf of the above fund.

HARMSTONS CIRCUS.

AMATEUR RIDING CONTEST

A very attractive programme was again gone through at the Circus last night. Wyndham's iumn over a dining table on the steel wire is a marvellous feat, while the musical clown was inimicable and, as usual, delighted the audience. After the interval the riding conthe way, is not a Naval collier, as stated by a the source of the utmost merriment, and the "house" in convulsion. competitors were Messrs. L. Johnson, C. G. E Deacon, the latter appearing as a circus riding-girl of a decade ago, with stiff, short muslin skirts, wig, powder and patches, all complete. The rules governing the contest was that the rider keeping on his feet on the pad the longest in three attempts was to be declared the winner. The efforts of the amateurs to retain a footing on their very unaccustomed " ground" were comical in the extreme, but all possibility of any accident through falling, was obviated by the riders being sustained by means of a rope round their waists, attached to a pole in the centre, so that when they "fell," they were merely held dangling in mid-air to the huge delight of their friends. They all appeared to have the greatest difficulty in gaining their feet when opce seated on the pad, while to maintain their equilibrium when they did succeed in standing up, was, with them, almost a sheer impossibility. In the end, however, Mr. Clarke was adjudicated the winner, and amidst rounds of applause, came forward and received from Mr. Cook, on behalf of the manager ment, a trophy in the shape of a scarfpin, con-_vertible__into_a_shirt-stud.---The-programme was then continued, and as a finale the lions were again introduced with the addition of the fourth animal which has been indisposed since her arrival. She, however, proved somewhat intractable, and inclined to "show her teeth," and it is doubtful if she will perform again for a while until she has entirely re-attained her normal condition of health.

> 6th inst. An especially attractive programme was gone through last night at Harmston's Circus, when H. E. the Governor, Sir Matthew Nathan, K.C.M.G., and a large party from Government House were present and remained to the end of the performance. A special box had been arranged and draped with red and white hangings, and all the best items in their repertoire were gone through with spirit. The wire balancing of Wyndham and Kittie, the unusual clowning of Gellino, the Chinese acrobatting act of equestration, and the dalnity cake walk of little Jennie Harmston-Love, (the latter by special request) all elicited rounds of appreciative applause from a literally packed house. Mr. Welby Cooke's jockey act was especially interesting, he performing his movements with consummate ease and skill. The performance wound up with the comic entree of Messrs. Cooke, Fred, and Willie Harmston-Love which evoked roars of laughter. Captain Lindo then entered the lion's cage and put the ferocious heasts through their evolutions; but this is never an edilying spectacle. The famous ride of Dick Turpin was not put on last night, as it will be seen from the advertisement another column, it was not contemplated doing so until this evening. A specially arranged and draped drawing-room car had been placed at the disposal of H. E. the Governor, for the purpose of conveying himself and party to and from the Circus.

7th inst. For the first time during their present sta Hongkong the Harmston-Love Company put on "Dick Turpin's ride to York," with M Welby Cooke in the title fole, and with his beautiful black mare as "Black Bess." The story of the ride is too well-known to need recapitulation here, but it was capitally illustrated, Mr. Cooke being well supported by the entire company, the comic element being supplied by the Bugnys and other humorous members. This revival of an old circus "turn" met with the full appreciation it so well deserved. All the other items were well up to their usual excellent standard, and a fairly filled house showed its full appreciat on of each of them by unstinted applause. Much regret was expressed at the unavoidable abandonment of little Jennie's cake walk, owing to her sudden, though we hope slight, indisposition. During the evening Mrs. Harmston-Love was the recipient of a letter expressing the appreciation of H. E. the Governor, Sir Matthew Nathan K C M G., and party, of the excellent programme prepared for their visit, and of the arrangements made for their comfort.

toth insta-Though this clever and entertaining troups have now been with us close upon a month they continue to find well deserved favour with the public. The programme has been judiclously varied, and divers supplementary attractions provided at intervals. This evening will witness the final performance, the company leaving for Manila by the Tean on Tuesby Mr. I. Shimberi of Hiogo, and re-named the | day. Last night's programme opened with a Garland Entree by the ladies and gentlemen of the Circus, which had an extremely picturesque effect. Miss Nelly Harmston-Love then gave a remarkably clever exposition of equitation, the mimitable Bugny Brothers adding a touch of humour to the "turn" by their drolleries. The wire act of Mile. Onra and Master Selig was a very attractive performance, the degree of proficiency to which this pair have attained. on the wire being considerably above the average. The Arab horse "Aden," under the through his entertaining performance. The Cantons indulged in some amusing fooling with "conjuring," after which Welby Cooke gave his champion jockey act, a "turn" so realistic that it caused one sporting member of the audience to insistently proclaim his willingness to lay a "fiver on the field!" An acrobatic song and seemed a trifle out of place in a Circus, and the musical act of Gellino-whose "gags" are his remarkable versatility on his novel musical bling, licentiousness, helping in law suits. One the wall,

A Singapore telegram of 30th ult. printed in instruments is clever in the extreme -led up to other is worthy of inclose. There, must the no gramme—that of Capt. Linds with his three mandments and the prohibition are very good, and gymnastic display. McAuliffe opened with an exhibition of club better by becoming good converts of the swinging and ball-punching, after which an eight rour d contest (two minute rounds) bewern Young Cohen and J. Marryatt (of the Dockyard Police) came on. Both these men! have been seen together before in Hongkong. The exhibition was farcical in the extreme, so far as genuine boxing was concerned. Cohen seemed to take things in a more seri us spirit than Marryatt, who, beyond showing some occasional smart head-work, was never the same, street as his opponent. after time Cohen stopped his wild rushes and right arm swings with straight lefts, and was continually making effective play on Marryatt's upper gear throughout. came as a great surprise when Mr. Welby. Cooke, who acted as referee, announced that Marryatt had won on points. The next, and concluding, item was a ten-round contest between Jack McAuliffe and Bert Delaney. The least said of this the better. It was early apparent that McAuliffe was not out for business, and that D laney was in no way his equal. Round after round went by without provoking aught but ironical cheers by the speciators. farce reached its culminating point when, at the end of the eighth round, the referee announced the next as the final. This caused

and to became one. McAuliffe, turned to Mr. Logan and advised him to "put; the money up and he would then show him something." Good evidence of what he was showing last might! The referee did not give any decision, and the result must therefore be account d a draw. Before this bout commenced it was announced, that Ned Kennedy Mackie, P. Sutherland, W. Clarke, L. Knox and desired to challenge McAuliffe, on behalf of Jim Christie, to meet him to contest the "champion-hip of China," providing a suitable purse is put up. McAuliffe expressed his willingness to meet Christie.

the timekeeper, Mr. Logan, to protest, but

his objections were over-uled, and rounds

MACAO NOTES. (From a Correspondent.)

Macao, 8th December. VISIT OF H.R.H. PRINCE HASSAN.

Prince Hassan is expected here from Hongkong on a visit to this city. A room for His Royal Highness has been engaged at Mr. Farmer's well-known Macao Hotel. H. R. H. the Prince Asiz Hassan is the first cousin of the Egyptian Khedive Abbas. His Highness arrived at Hongkong a few days ago, en toute for ! Europe, after touring the Far East.

Monday, Mr. Jacques Deveria, of the Chinese. Imperial Maritime Customs, who is well identidispense hospitality to the Egyptian prince who will be coming by the Heungshan on Saturday, the 10th inst.

CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, 5th December. A LARGE FIRE.

The large city of Chan Tsun, in the district of Shari Tak, was visited by a very destructive fire last week, when over two hundred houses were burned. Among these were some of the largest shops in the city. Chan Tsun is divided into two cities, the new and the old, fire occurred in the former." Chan Toiln is about 15 miles south west from Canton and of the Bugny Brothers, Hellie Harmston-Love's has a population of upwards of 100,000. For--merly_it_wastthe great distributing centre for salt fish. Since Kong Mun has become the open port most of the big salt fish firms have moved to Kong Mur. Chan Tsun has, one of the fargest rice markets in the province.

U.S. CONSUL-GENERAL.

U.S. Consul-General Cheshire is making many warm friends in Canton. He is giving general satisfaction. His clean, square business methods are gaining the approval of the officials. They recognize him as a man of experience. 'His position here in Canton is that of Acting Gonsul-General, but the American citizens have signed a petition and forwarded it to President Roosevelt asking that this appointment be made a permanent one. It must be gratifying to Mr. Cheshire to have so quickly gained the confidence of his nationals,

GYMNASIUM. Some young men have started a gymnasium in the city. This is something new, and probably the first of its kind in China. The whole ! affair is purely Chinese, but is to be conducted on Western lines. There was no difficulty, in securing money. At present it is an outdoor one, and is in the grounds of a temple. Bicycles, football, dumbibells, Indian clubs are all used. I ater, part of the temple will be used. The gymnasium is free to members; others are charged a small entrance fee. An institution of this kind is much needed. Students and rich young men are much in need of physical training.

Canton, 7th December.

A DISREPUTABLE HOUSE, A few days ago the Tartar General wa notified that a foreigner was fitting up a house for disreputable purposes. The Nam Hoi Magistrate was asked to investigate. Sure enough a house was found in the Tartar portion of the city, part of which was already used for a biothel. The Nam Hoi made short work of and carried away the ten or more young girls found in the house, and confiscated the property. An investigation will follow, and the landlord can prove he knew nothing the purpose for which the house was to be used, he will get his property back upon payment of a fine The foreigner, whoever he may be, has made himself scarce.

THE BUDDHIST MISSION.

sionaries arrived from Japan to open a mission | certainly die of hunger, and he holds out no in this province. They sought recognition hopes of being able to "civilize" the moujiks from the Viceroy and a proclamation was issued to any great degree, for he regards them as granting them the same privilege as mission- being really very little removed from the stage aries of other religions. These Japan mission. of civilization attained by savage races. In all aries find ready acceptance with the people. these circumstances it can be understood easily In fact, everything Japanese is at a premium, that the rate of mortality is very high. The just now. Japan is often spoken of as the, average rate of mortality throughout the wholp strongest nation in the world. The mission of Russia in 1902 was 348 per 1,000 in the aries are working very quietly and getting a good | villages in question the rate was 53 71 per 1,000. many followers. They have one hall on Fa Ti. The deaths occur chiefly among the children. and hold regular meetings. Sunday, for some While in the whole, of Russia the death rate reason, is the regular meeting day. Other among children under one year of age was 271 meetings are held, but the general meeting is per 1,000, it was 330 per 1,000 in these two held on Sunday. This week a second hall has direction of Mr. Welby Cooke, again went | been opened. It is just outside the East gate of the City. The extreme politeness of the figures it will be seen that the villages are des-Japanese and their familiarity with the Chinese | tined to vanish under such a high rate of wrilten language give them a decided advan- mortality. tage with the Chinese. The halls are in imitation of the Mission Chapels, and they have dance by Florrie and Wally, Banvard, which "Love your country." Then follow "Honour to parents; obedience to teachers; love of brethren; obedience to the laws of the order;

the concluding item of the first half of the pro- quarrelling, with other, sects. Buth-the com-Nibian lions. The second part had been set though opinions might differ as to the order of morit. However, the Chinese will be made Japanese Buddhist missionaries.

THE BALTIC PLEET.

FRENCH TERMS OF NEUTRALITY.

The future rendezvous of the Baltic Fleet now on the way through the Red Sea and also round the Cape is being discussed in Tokio. It is generally believed the squadrons will meet near Madagascar and at Saigon, an opinion that appears to be based on the opinion that in declaring her contrality in the present war france did not follow (and indeed never has followed) the example of Great Britain and the United States by limiting the stoppage at French ports of war-ships of the belligerents to twenty-four hours, except in the case of " war ship in charge of a captured vessel. It is believed, therefore, that the French Government may allow war-ships to remain at + rench: ports longer than twenty four hours. A Tokio dispatch says the rench terms of neutrality. distinctly provide that neither of the belligerents will be allowed to myke a French port: their base of operations. Moreover, says the dispatch, a similar understanding was distinctly arrived at in communications between the Japanese an . French Governments in regards to the question of neutrality. Much depends upon the interpretation of the term "base of operations." Such a term applied to a fleet sians stopping in their ports-wa ting for other vessels-for several cays at a stretch. Naturally, the rendezvous of the fleet is regarded wit great interest in Japan, as indicating to some ex.ent its future movements.—Ex.

THE RUSSIAN PEASANTRY. A SORDID PICTURE.

(From the Globe's St. Petersburg Correspondent.)

An official report drawn up recently by a district officer engaged in the European Government of Veronezh gives a truly heartrending account of the woe-begone existence led by the moujiks in that large Government, which, of the fity Governments of European Russia, stands thirteenth on the list as regards density of population, with 109 persons to the square mile. The medical officer's report deals mainly with two large villages, which are inhabited by about 1,200 Great Russians. Although each of these villages that had its school for twenty years, yet in one village the men who can read amount to 33 per cent., and His Highness is a perfect stranger at Macao; the women only to 3 per cent, while in the but during his sojourn here from Saturday to other these figures are 16 per cent. and o per cent - respectively. In the wide-stretching, treeless Steppe the moujiks live in huts made fied with the social life of this colony, will of brick or wood; the floors of these huts are of trodden clay, and a huge stove takes u about one-fifth of the living room, with the result that each inmate, on an average has only from 27 to 50 cubic feet of air, which is from six to three times less than the quantity required by the laws of health, In some huts the cubic space per head was only 201 feet. Moreover, calves, slicep, pigs, and hens are housed together with the people in the living-room, which witnesses even the calving of the cow. Naturally enough, the interior of these huts presents a sorry sight. The walls are bare, and the furniture consists of plank beds, stools, tables, and shelve, all roughly put together, while the household utensils are of paltry make. A few garments and outdoor tools complete the picture. The table serves alike for taking meals and for all kinds of household works; it is scarcely ever covered by a cloth, for only very few families possess one. The people sleep on the plank beds and on the stove, and out of 158 huts only two owned beds. Straw is used both for bedding and for covering. Only 60 per cent, of all the families possessed pillows, and in these cases pillows were not used by all the family, while only o 6 per cent. of huts boast of being able to use quilts or counterpanes. At nightfall straw is laid down for the animals living with their owners. Such breathing air as is possible under these conditions is destroyed by the dust given off by the straw and by the making of hemp When the hemp is tewed there is raised

> whose breathing organs are not perfectly sound are obliged to leave the hut. The chief food of the moujiks is rye bread, potatoes and millets. Meat, milk, cabbages, and vegetables are eaten only in extremely small quantities. Of fatty foods 55, per cent. under the normal amount is consumed. The poorer villagers consume 62.29 grammes of vegetable albumen, 13.37 grammes of falty foods and 380 grammes of proteids. It is in conceivable how men can exist on a consumption of 13.37 grammes of fatty matter, when the smallest amount that ought to be eaten varies between 40 grammes and 50 grammes. The medical officer ascribes this "living hunger" to the existing scarcity of land; for every three to four persons the available supply of rye varied from 150lbs. to 540 lbs. and of millet from 108lbs. to 360 lbs., which is below that available in other districts. Thus, even in times of good harvest, adequate nourishment is out of the question. Nevertheless, the owners and tillers of the land have to make up the taxes, which, with the arrears, amounted on an average to £2 6s. 9d. per house. In indirect taxes the two villages paid £79 on vodka, £5 6s. 3d. on tobacco, £10 125.6d. on petroleum, and £5 165.10d. on tea and sugar, that is, a yearly total of about £100. The pitiable state of village life in Russia may be judged only too well from a comparison of the indirect tax paid on vodka; that is, brandy made from rye, and of the indirect

taxes paid on tea and sugar. The moujiks are compelled to occupy land, follow certain occupations. Thus, unless there was this form of compulsory work, the country Several months ago several Buddhist mis- surgeon is of opinion that the moujiks would. villages, and 546 children between one and five years of age died in them. From these

This is a picture of life in a Russian village l. lying hidden from the outside world. But such their ten commandments and have added woe begone spots are too numerous to be ten prohibitions. The 1st commandment is counted throughout the vast Empire, of the formed in this city, says the Manila Times. Czar, and it is from them that the soldiers hail who are falling on the battlefields of Manchuria | comprising practically all of the principal firms now becoming somewhat monotonous, although etc.? Among the things prohibited are, gam, cracy, which refuses to read the handwriting on in the merchant coastwise trade being continued.

SIR HENRY BLAKE.

Referring to the opening of the 1904-05 Session of the Colombo Legislative Council, a Coyion contemporary says it was a straight-forward exposition of what he had done, what he was now doing, and what he intended to do. There were no gorgeous flights of thetoric, no magnificently rounded periods. There was the true ring about it, for it was a frank and business. like revelation of the actual state of affairs," de ivered with a conscirusness that he possessed the honest sympathy and the ready and cordial support of the entire Colony.

> REPORTED LOSS OF JAPAN. ESE BATTLESHIP.

In reply to a telegram to the Naval Depart. mentiate Tokio the Kobe Herald was informed that there was no objection to the publication of the following Associated Press cable, which appeared in the American papers of Nov.

Paris, Nov. 3 .- The Associated Press was put. in a position to-day to state positively that its despatches from Chefoo, Port Arthur and Tokio last June to the effect that the Japaneie Battleship Yashima had been sunk by a mine off Dalny, which despatches were denied by the Japanese authorities at the time, have finally been officially confirmed. The lapanese Government has notified foreign governments of the loss of the ship. The number of men who went down with the vessel is not known, but it is believed to have been small. The en route may have little meaning at all, and official details show that the Yashimastruck a the French may raise no objection to the Russian mine and later attempted to make Dainy harbour, but this proved impossible and she sank in deep water. The Yashima was one of the finest battleships of the Japanese navy. Her displacement was (1), to tons, about the size of the American batue unp Maine, and she had a speed of nineteen knots. She carried a heavy battery of four 12-inch., ten 6-inch and 24 other guns of smaller calibre...

JAPANENE SPIES IN RUSSIA.

REPORTED CAPTURE OF TWO NAVAL OFFICERS.

A despatch from St. Petersburg to the

Manchurian Army Daily News says :-On September 19th in St. Petersburg, two Japanese naval officers were arrested, charged with espionage. Both had resided in this city under the guise of modest shopmen in a tea store. One of them, called Saratori, up to the beginning of the war had served as merchant's clerk in the warehouse of Messes. Vasilieff, Dementjeff and Co. (Nevsky Prospeci); and being discharged immediately after the villainous Inpanese attack upon the Russian fleet, he expressed a desire to remain for ever in Russia and to embrace Orthodoxy, under the pretence of his affection for a Russian girl and his intention to marry her. The change of his religion and the marriage were as a matter of fact carried out. Saratori received at the baptismal, font the name of Constantine, and at the end of April was living with his wifelin a boarding-house in No. 15, Italian: Road! short time after this they were joined by another Japanese from Tokyo, called Tokki Mamatzu, a Buddhist, according to his passportion; who also pretended to be an ex-clerk thrown out of his situation owing to the war. | Saratori and Mamatzu lived in one room, for which they paid about 60-roubles; they lived in easy money. From the beginning of the war a watch on both was instituted and despite the great prudence of Saratori and Mamatzu this surveillance brought them to arrest. On a sudden swoop being made, they were found in their room along with several documents, which proved their criminal intent and their real status as Japanese naval officers.

THE NURSE AS HEROINE

-Of special interest at this time is the history of Mme. Bakounina, known as the Russian "Florence Nightingale. At the time of the Crimean war she was head of the Russian order of sisters of mercy, and attended operations at the field hospitals regardless of danger." She and her sisters also had the courage to discard their uniform and don sheepskin coats and such a dust that objects cannot be made out long boots and go out in the snow and render across the room, ev n on the brightest day. first aid, and help bring in the wounded. This The dust thus raised is so caustic that people order of nurses, which was founded by the Grand Duchess Helena Pavlovna in 1854, has many members now at the front, and keeps its jubilee in October. Then we must not forget that most modest and most heroic of women, Mary Kingsley, who laid down her life at Cape Town whilst nursing the Boers of typhoid. The niece of Charles Kingsley, she was a writer and traveller, and ever in her wanderings she ministered to the sick. Witness some of the stor.es told in her delightful "Travels in West Africa." At the time of the Boer War she shipped quietly away to Cape Colony to do whatsoever her hand should find to do for those who were ill. Most of her friends never knew she had left England till they heard of her death. She took the most unpopular work and the hardest work. Not hers to rush to the front with the soldiers and the doctors and the clamour and excitement. She nursed the Boers on the typhoid hospital ship till she herself took the disease and died. And there were so many others we could have better spared!

Another heroine of our own times is described in a French volume just, issued called "En Haut!" The countess the Saint Martial was left a widow in 1885, and she put aside her position and wealth and joined the Order of St. Vincent de Paul. She nursed and organised and toiled for them in France and Italy till, after a brief eleven years, she died worn out. Her published letters prove her to have been not only a good nurse and a clever woman, but also a good Catholic. Then there is Sister on which there are arrears of debt, and also to Trina, head of the Protestant deaconesses at Reiben, near Basie, whose labours and influence were described in a paper written by Agnes Jones. The principal sphere of work of the deaconesses is a hospital, so unpopular at the time Sister Tring took charge of it that the patients had to be bribed to enter it ! Miss Jones described Sister Tring as "a simple" and humble-minded Christian, with gentle, winning, and affectionate manners," and elsewhere she mentions her "beautiful bumility." And yet the deaconesses, under her not only nursed the hospital but had charge of a deaf institute, a children's hospital in Basle, did private and district work in Basie, and worked in Basie gaol. And these sisters were chiefly of the peasant class. If we have not mentioned Agnes. Jones herself, or Sister, Dors, or other of our great English heroines, it is because full memorials of their lives have been published, and ought to be in all nursing libraries and familiar to all nurses .- Hospital.

> A GIGANTIC organization to control the inter-It contemplates the formation of an association under one flag.

COMMERCIAL

TO-DAY'S INTELLIGENCE."

The quotations announced up to this hour China and Manil'is \$ 23 b. Hong'tong Docks 216 b. Indo-Chin is 129 b. Ewas ... Tis. 214 b. Douglases 33 b.

Hongkong Cottons ... No business led owing to holders entertaining ideas of higher rates. For Docks the demand is from strong buyers. Cash Indos are scarce, and the demand is likely to become accentuated on the approach of the settlement. This stock has inquiries forward at \$137 for June; no sales.

The following shares are offering :-China Borneos ... at \$131 Shell Transport ,, 25/6

Quotations for the week close as follows:---Hongkong Banks\$715 b. Union Insurance... ... 700 b. China Tradera 583 sa. ex div. Cantons Hongkong Fires 335 b. China Fires 90 b. HK., C. & Macao Steamboats 293 s. Indo-Chinas 128 b. Douglases 34 sa. Shell Transports... 26/- s. China Sugars 233 s. Lucons at b. H.K. & Whampon Docks ... 216 b. Farnham's Tls. 175 s. Hongkong Hotels 141 b. Humphreys Estate ... 124 sa. and s. Hongkong Cottons ... Green Island Cements Hongkong Ropes 150 b.

WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

Powells... rrb.

Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly & Potts in the report of yesterday's date state:--

During the past week, the market has been somewhat depressed, owing to the December settlement, but a better tone prevails at the

Banks.-Hongkong and Shanghai Banks continue on the rise and are in request at \$715 The London quotation is £70. 5/-. National are obtainable at \$39.

Marine Insurances.—Unions have furthe advanced and can be placed at \$700. China Traders have been booked and more shares are inquired for at \$581 ex the dividend of \$41 paid yesterday. Cantons are without business and may be procured at \$250. North Chinas have changed hands at Tis. 98,

Fire Insurances.-No transaction has taken place and there is no alteration in the rate of either stock.

Shipping.-Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats are quiet at \$29}. Indo-Chinas are in demand at \$1284. In Shanghai, business has been done at Tis. 91 and Tis. 92. China and Manilas are weak at \$24. Douglas Steamships can be procured at \$34. There are sellers of StarlFerries (old issue) at \$40, and the new shares are on offer at \$30. Shell Transports have improved with sales and further buyers at 25/-.

Refineries.—China Sugars have not maintained their position and shares have been parted with at \$232, the market closing with sellers at \$233. Lurons have experienced a

sharp rise and close in demand at \$21.
Mining.—Chinese Rogineering continue on offer at Tls. 64. Raub, have declined and are offering at \$4). Private advices from Singapore state that 3,500 tons of stone were crushed at the mines for a yield of 435 ounce smelted gold. Orientals have been placed at G\$161 in Shanghai.

Docks, Wharfs and Godowns,--Hongkong and Whampoa Docks are in request at \$216. Farnhams have been disposed of at Tls. 174. Kowloon Wharfs are to be had at \$114. Owing to a landship," Hongkew Wharfs declined to Tis. 130, but are now firmer and can be placed at Tis. 132 for the old and Tis. 130

for the new shares. Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Lands remain, unaltered at \$148. Shangha Lands have improved to Tis. 118, but at this price shares are offering. Kowloon Lands have been sold at \$38} and West Points are still in the market at \$60. Hongkong Hotels continue firm and are asked for at \$141. As tor House Hotels (Shanghai) have changed hands and further shares are wanted at \$2; Humphreys' Estate have been parted with

Cotton Mills,-Hongkong Cottons have fur ther advanced and are in request at \$12 Quotations for Shanghai Mills are: -Ewos Tls. 25 buyers; Internationals Tis, 21 buyers; Laou-Kung-Mows Tls. 32 sellers; and Soychees Tls. 150 nominal.

Cigar Companies.—Sumatras have again been dealt in at Tls. 654.

Miscellaneous.-Green Island Cements have changed hands at \$31\frac{1}{2} and are now obtainable at \$31. A. S. Watsons are quoted at \$121, and Watkins are offering at \$91 after sales at the rate. China-Borneo are still wanted at \$13. Tramways have sellers at the reduced rate of \$200. Langkats have further declined to Tis. 2871 at which rate business has been done.

Shanghai advices, of 3rd inst., states:-Busi ness done :- Indo-Chinas at Tls. 94/941 for March. Farnham Boyds at Tls.177/178/177/1761 for December, Tls. 179/178 for January, and Tls 1821/182 for March. Maatschappijs at Tis. 290 for December and Tis. 13021/305/304 for March. Astors at \$28.

at Tis. 175 cash, Tis, 1761 for December, Tis. 183 for March. Shanghai and Hongkew stock is about 1,000 bales. Wharf shares at Tls. 132 "New". Maatschappils at Tls. 290 for December and after- 500 bales at \$116 per bale. wards for cash at same rate. March Tis, 305.

SHANGHAI SHARE REPORT.

The following resume of the week's share transactions is from Messrs, J. A. Sullivan Co.'s report, published on the 1st December:-Last month's settlement was small by satisfactory, as every contract went through without a hitch. Farnhams were troublesome but gave way in price under pressure of late sales, although telegrams have since been received stating that the negotiations with the London Syndicate are progressing satisfactorily. Indos dropped to Tis. By for the settlement, but to-day the market has hardened. Langkats are quiet. Excepting in these three speculative stocks there is not much doing. High exchange is interfering with our markets generally. The demand rate on London fell to 2/72 but to-day 2/8 1/16 is available. The 3 days sight rate on Hongkong is quoted 70%.

Consol £884. Wharyes,-Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf shares 'new,' have changed hands at Tis. 135. For December delivery Tls. 164, Tls. 165 and Tis. 163 c.n.i. are reported. March shares have found buyers at Tla. 140 for 'new' and Tls. 1421 for old. To-day Tis 170 c.n.i.

Shipping, Cash Indos were placed at Tis. 901, Tla 93 and afterwards for November settlement at Tis. 80. For this month's cleatance

transactions are reported at Tis. 911,921,92, Tis. '91 and Tis 91,00. March at Tis, 931, Tis 931 and Tis. 92. The market is firming up and the tone hardening. Tug and Lighters ford were

Docks.—Farnham Boyds have had the most attention and operations for cash and last month's settlement are quoted at Tis. 179], Tis. 180,170,178, Tls. 177,175,177. Time shares dropped in sympathy and for December, sales have been made at Tis. 181.180, 181;1814. Tis. 181, Tls. 182 181,1811, Tls. 180,179, Tls. 1781,178, 179, Tis. 179.1781,178.

Lands.—Shanghais have been sold at Tis. Cottons :-- Ewos have again been sold at Tis. 25, but nothing has been done in other

Sugars :- Peraks are still offering at Tls. 60, Mining :- Wei-Hai-Wei Golds have been purchased at \$23 for 'ord.' Pref.' shares have had attention at Stol.

Tobaccos.—Sumairas have changed hands at Tis. 651 for cash, In Langkats there been a small business done. Sales are repo has at Tls. 295 for cash. February at Tls. rted March at Tis. 3121.310,311,3111,310, Tis. 3310. 311,310. April at Tls. 315.

FREIGHT.

Messrs. Lamke & Rogge, writing on 3rd inst., state:—The market has ruled very firm during the past fortnight, the chief feature having been a strong demand for tonnage on monthly terms, chiefly on Japanese account. emanating from the North, but also locally, and a large amount of business has come to pass at full rates. The demand has been principally running for prompt steamers, but chartering has also been done well forward, as far ahead as February delivery and a good deal more toppage could easily be placed, but owners having raised their ideas so materially of late, further business is rendered rather difficult. Local Chinese hongs, in face of the threatening scarcity of tonnage next spring, have also entered the market and picked up a few boats at high figures, but with no exclusions as to trade. Others, however, desirous of chartering for neutral trade only, have so far not come to terms, the reductions conceded by owners being so inadequate, that the boats would work out at very high figures, if employed in the Southern markets, Saigon, Bangkok, Philippines, Java, &c., and prospects in these directions are not sufficiently assured as yet to inspire intending charterers with sufficient confidence. The charters embodied in list of settlements work out at. rates ranging from 8/5 to about 9/2 per ton and, as already mentioned, on this basis further business is quite practicable, but not at 10/which in some instances owners have been demanding. In face of the present political state of affairs, it is of course impossible to say how freighting matters may shape themselves; with the Baltic fleet drawing near, any releasing of steamers under Japanese colours is hardly to be thought of; but on the other hand, a continuous rush of tonnage from Europe to the East may cause the supply to exceed the demand, which so far has been the reverse.

Business tripwise has been of an insignificau: character. As regards both Saigon and Pangkok we are out of season; grain has become scarce and dear at both ports and no revival of business can be looked for until next year. · Quotations, Saigon to this, are quite nominal, whilst Bangkok to this, the rate stands at 321 cents per picul, inside the bar, but steamers have lately experienced great difficulty in filling.

- Saigon/Philippines, a charter is reported at 31 cents per picul and there is further, though limited, demand to fill old contracts.

Java to this, except shipments for Refineries' account in mostly local Companies' boats, no outsiders have been taken up, sugar prices in Java having advanced so materially as to put a temporary stop to business.

Hence to Japan ports, a strong demand has once more been prevailing and a number of boats have been put on the berth at raters ranging from 25 cents to 32 cents per picul. The market closes a shade weaker, but outside steamers are so difficult to procure that business at lower rates would seem quite impracticable.

Anent Northern business, the Newchwang season is closed, but a strong demand now runs for steamers to load at Yangtze ports for Swatow and Canton and 25 candareens per picul has been paid, the market closing slightly

Coal freights have been well maintained, and up to \$2.30 per ton has been paid from Moji to this at which figure more tonnage might be placed.

From Karatzu to Manila a steamer has been booked at the fair rate of \$4.50 per ton. other directions, no fresh business is reported. Sail Freights:—No charters reported.

Sail-tonnage loading or to load.—None. Disengaged:-Norw. 4m. bark Prince Robert | object of doing so 2,654 tons. British Ancines 1,700 tons. Departures:-French Empereur Merelik

FORTNIGHTLY MARKET

29th November for Sydney.

REPORT.

Hongkong, 2nd December, 1904.

Cotton, Indian.-A good demand was noticed in the fortnight and prices ruled steady. Sales are reported of about 1,000 bales at \$31 to \$29 per picul. The unsold stock is about 900 bales. Cotton, Chinese.—Sales are reported of about 500 bales at \$32 to \$30 per picul. The unsold stock is about 300 bales.

Yarn, Indian.-The Chinese dealers having received orders from the interior came forward and made purchases at last mail's prices. The Business reported direct: - Farnham, Boyds | importers were also eager sellers. Sales of about 7,000 bales are reported. The unsold

Yarn Local.—Sales are reported of about

hands of No. 20s. at \$135 per bale. Opium, Malwa.-During the first portion of the fortnight ruled steady and sales are report-

Farmer market ruled quiet and no sales were re- | The Mercantiles scored 78, ported. The unsold stock is about 525 chests. Opium, Bengal, -- Ruled weak, and sales are reported of Patna about 200 chests at \$1,180 to \$1,145. Benares about 60 chests at \$113 to \$110 per chest. The unsold stock is about 3,400

chests. Opium, Persian.—Ruled steady and sales are reported of about 155 chests at \$670 to \$999 per picul. The stock is about 2,050 chasts. Miscellaneous Quotations;-

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RAUBS

Messrs, Benjamin, Kelly & Potts inform us that they have received the following telegram: Raub Mines .- 3:500 tons ore crushed for a yield of 435 ounces smelled gold."

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30 days' sight San Francisco & New York ... 47

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Bank of England rate

OPIUM QUOTATIONS, To-day's quotations are as follows:-

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Empress Dowager has presented a large photograph of the portrait by Miss Carl to each

GENERAL Kuropatkin is again trying to work round General Kuroki's right, and cut him off from Liaoyang.

chwang, left Nagasaki for home by the Mongo-Ha on the 25th ult. THE s.s. Cranley now due from Durban will

MR. Miller, U.S. Consul General at New-

leave in a few days for Chefoo for her complement of coolies. LIEUT. William Nicholson, of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps, has had his leave extended

to the 31st January next, MR. T. Ferguson has been appointed Acting Commissioner of Customs at Tientsin during

Mr. Detring's absence on leave.

THE s.s. Lothian left Chinwantao on the 8th inst. for Durban, vid Singapore, having 2,050 coolies on board for the South African mines.

. E. the Governor has appointed Captain G. Elgood to be a member of the Wongneichong and Queen's Recreation Grounds vice Captain Radford, resigned.

son and Co. Shanghai, has been transferred to sporting fraternity at Shanghal THE fees (payable monthly) at Queen's College

Mr. O. V. Lanning, of Messrs, Jardine, Mathe-

will be increased from the 1st February next as follows;-Classes I to III, \$42 per annum, Classes IV to VIII, \$24 per annum.

AMONG the arrivals by the Sachsen on Thursday, was Dr. Francis Clark. He was met by Dr. Thomson. The genial M. O. H. looks remarkably fresh after his extended sojourn in Europe.

AMONG the passengers per the P. & O. s.s.

Rengal arriving from home on Saturday was lady Noel, wife of Admiral Sir Gerard Noel, of H.M.S. Glory. She was accompanied by Miss

THE Cablenews says that the United States will not import Chinese coolies into Panama to build the canal. We stated some time since that negotiations were in progress with the

A TOKIO wire of 2nd inst. reports that in the last assault on Port Atthur, there were a number of casualties among the Japanese officers, including Lieut-General Tsuchiya and Major-General Nakamoura.

MR. R. Pescio has been appointed Commercial Delegate to the Italian Government in Hongkong and in that capacity will be pleased to supply any information required as to Italian commerce, exports, etc.

A CHINAMAN was before Mr. H. H. J. Gom. pertz, at the Ma istracy, on Friday, who was wanted by the Chinese authorities at Kwong Hing for being implicated in an armed robbery there. The case was remanded for one week.

A EUROPEAN nurse aged 22, attached to the Russian army on the Shaho, walked into the Japanese lines on the 15th ult. It appeared that her lover, a Russian officer, is a prisoner Yarn, Japanese.—About 300 bales changed in Japan, and she could not bear to be separated from him long.

ed of about 28 chests of new at \$1,100 to \$1,130 | On Friday, on the Happy Valley, Police "A" —old about 45 chests at \$1,160 to \$1,200—and team played a cricket match against a team of oldest about 15 chests at \$1,290 to \$1,319, in all the Marine officers. The Police about 88 chests. Latterly owing to the friction | made 112 runs for six wickets, Inspector Langbetween the Chinese dealers and the Opium | ley contributing 55, and Sergeant Clyde 32.

> H. R. H. PRINCE Hasson is evidently desirous of evading public recognition as, at the last moment, we understand he chartered a launch to take him to Macao instead of going by the Heungshan. He will proceed from there for a trip up the West River,

H.E. The Governor, Sir Matthew Nathan, K.C.M.O., accompanied by Captain E. Smith, AD.C., and Hon, L. Barnes-Lawrence, paid visits of inspection yesterday to the Harbour Office, and subsequently to the Sailors' Home. Later H. E. went over to watch the Regatta.

ceeded with, - Peking and Tientein Times,

bounties on the production or export of augur.

THE wedding of Dr. Davenport, who is now practising in Canton, and Miss ! da Chambers. who was for some time one of the nurses at the Foochow Native Hospital, will probably take place here next week. Rumour fixes the eventful day for Thursday, 1st instant. Foochow

MR. J. W. Osborne, of the Kowloon Hotel, has presented a bat, to be suitably inscribed, and given to the member of the second eleven of the Kowloon Cricket Club making the best batting analy-is this season. A similar prosentation has been made to the first eleven by Mr. J. Logan, of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company.

AT about a quarter to eleven o'clock on Monday morning, an unknown Chinaman, who was a passenger by the Chang Li launch from Hongkong to Yaumati, when nearing the Yaumat landing stage, suddenly jumped up and threw himself over-board, sinking immediately, and Bar Silver...... 27 11/16 as it is assumed, being drowned. The body has not been recovered.

Two more of the armed robbers who by force and victor ce stole money from a woman in charge of lighter No. 18, in the waters of this Colony, under circumstances already recorded in these columns, have been arrested, and the The four man were committed for trial at the next ensuing Criminal Sessions.

> THE North Borneo Trading Company is doing a brisk business in sleepers just now, thereby giving employment to a considerable number of Chinese. The sleepers are of comphor wood, and are being shipped to Hongkong. Mr. Woodin is local manager in succession to Mr. Cosulich, who left for Europe some time ago, says the North Borneo Herald

> THE Mas nic Quadrille Club gave the second of their Season's dances at the Masonic Hall, on Saturday night, when another very enjoyable evening was spent, dancing being kept up with spirit till a late hour. After the function was over a meeting was held when the committee was considerably augmented. I he next dance will, as at present arranged, take place on the

> THE Chinese Government has failed in the attempt to establish a Government Bank, owing to financial difficulti s. It is therefore now intended to float loans at home and abroad, Taking advantage of this opportunity, the French Minister at Peking has informed the Foreign Department that French capitalists would be willing to take charge of the issue.

THE Shungte-pao, a Japanese paper published in Peking in the vernacular, has been circulating reports to the effect that the foreign ministers are about to urge the re-instatement of the Emperor and the consequent retirement of the Empress Dowager. There is, however, nothing in the story which, says the Universal Gazette, is circulated for some mi chievous

MEMBERS of the R. A. O. B. had another enjoyable dance at their club rooms last evening. when between 60 and 70 couples whiled away Tientsin. He will be greatly missed by the a few pleasant hours. Senior Knight, J. H. Oxberry and Primo Hyett were the M. Co's. and Mr. G. Sheffield supplied the music. The Valete dance, which is now so much in vogue t home, was one of the features of the pro-

> THE report of the Y. Y. K. for the half-year ended on the 30th of September last shows a divisible balance of Y2,437,162. It is proposed to put Y71,540 to reserve, raising it to Y2,059,056; pay Y71,3;8 as directors and auditors' fees; pay a dividend at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum; and carry forward Y974.264 The share capital is 22 million yen, and the book value of the fleet over 241 million

THE Court of 'nquiry held at Kobe on the isth ult. into the loss of the British steamer Ohio, 3,967 tons, off Chinnampo, found that her loss was caused by the Captain's misjudging the stren, th and direction of the tide, and that he did not do all he might have done to save his vessel; but it appreciated the difficulties in which he found himself, an I held him "free from blame in connection with the tota lloss of

MR. R. D. Vania, freight broker, applied on Monday for a summons a ainst a certain person for stealing \$25 co. from him in 1900. Mr. Gompertz said it was a long time after the alleged crime, but he could not issue a summons on the mere verbal statement of complainant, and he advised him to submit a written application stating the facts, and the cause of the long delay in prosecuting the alleged thief. Mr. Vania said he would do so.

AT daylight on the 29th ult, the Signal Sergeans on duty at Mount Faber discovered a large British steamer ashore off Alligator Island This island consists of a small coral reef with a few mangrove trees on it, and is situated between the Raffles and Sultan Shoal Lighth uses. Later in the day it was acceitaired that the vessel is the Knight of St. George and Heft Singapore at 2 a.m. to-day for Penang and Rangoon. Two tugs from Tanjong Pagar have gone out to render her assistance. It is known what damage has been done. - Stratts

IN spite of the great pains taken by the Japanese to ensure a pro-Japanese Government in Koren, there is evidence, says the Korra Daily News, of the existence of a party, which is not pledged to Japan. How this comes within the scope of military affairs we do not know but the fact remains that General Hasenawa has written to the government complaining that a strong Russian party still exists. Perhaps the Japanese still think that a complaint emanating from military head-quarters will carry more weight than a diplomatic representation,

THREE events have occurred during the past year which go a long way towards restoring pointing of Major Nathan to the management of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Conthe Woosung Shanghai Railway to the Britishof Commerce has requested the Wai Wu Pu to | other two in importance says, Indian Engineerinform the I. G. and the Customs Commis. Ing. Our Indian contemporary has been a little sioners that the registration of trade-marks will. I too previous, in regard to the sale of the docks

IT is notified in the Guette under section MUCH concern was felt amongst his friends CHRVALIER Valpicelli. Consul-General for 2 of the Sugar Convention Ordinance, 1904, and commides when it was learned that Inspec- Italy, received on Saturday through the Italian. that Russia, Denmark and the Argentine tor Williamson, of Aberdeen station, had dad Foreign Office, the cross of the Order of Sf. Republic have been notified by the permanent in paralytic stroke, down his cottre left si 'e. Stanislans, bestowed upon him by the Tran for commission to be countries. which grant frendering his limbs useless. He was removed his se vices to the Russian refugees who passed to the Government Cvil Hospital, where from through Hongkong in H. I. M. S. Elba in that he was in the same conditional Land war sunk off Port Arthur.

THE Gazette notifies that the King has been pleased to give unto Frederick Mayers, Esq. of the Imperial Chinese Maritime Gustoms ervice, His Majesty's Royal liconce and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the First Class of the Third Division of the -Imperial Chinese Order of the Double Dragon, and to Hermann Dawson Grone, Esq., of the Imperial Chinese Maritime Customs Service, His Majesty's Royal Licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Third Class of the Third Division of the same order conferred or them by His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of

WE have to acknowledge, with thanks, from the offices of the publishers, the Suth China Morning Post, the first number of "The Victoria Recreation Club Magazine." It is issued with the object, not only of recording the progress of local sport, especially in connection with the V. R. C., but also of binding s'ronger together the individuals who form the Club, "to help preserve a high tone in all Club undertakings, so that no insinuating finger may be pointed at us." It is a well written and well-printed little work which should be of practical use to all interested in local sport.

AT the Bankruptcy Court on Thursday, Si Henry S. Berkeley presiding, Mr. Barlow applied that a receiving order might be made against the estate of Chan Kwai Tan and that the Official Receiver be appointed trustee. The order was granted,-A similar order was made in the case of Lau Kuk Chow. It seemed that the creditors met in July last to consider a certain scheme of arrangement, but at a subsequent meeting it was decided to request. the Court to grant a receiving order, making the ! fficial Receiver trustee. Mr. Bruce Shepherd, who had cone into the case, said this was the best thing to do.

MESSRE James Maclehose and Sons, of Glasgow, have forwarded to usual copy of "The Scottish Historical Review," which is a new series of "The Scuttish Antiquary," established in 1886. Among the article with which the publication deals are archaeology, folklore, philology, and literature, as well as history This October number, the first of a new volume, contains articles on the Cottish peerage, with three full-page heraldic designs; some sidelights on the history of Montrose's campaigns; the homes of the Claverhouse Grahams, and much other matter that will be read with pleasure even by those who have no special interest in Scottish history. The title sounds dull t the contents are the contrary.

THE following returns of the average amoun of bank notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended \$96'04 After hearing further evidence, judge 30th ult., as certified by the managers of the ment was given for plaintiffs with costs. respective banks, are published in the Graette.

Banks, Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, \$3,67 J,43; \$2,300,000 Hongkong and Shang-

hai Banking Cor-China, Limited 150,000

A CHINESE youth was walking along Queen's Road Central, on Wednesday, when he saw a young Chinese woman looking in a shop wind, ow. She wore a valuable gold hair-pin, which the lad coveted and springing suddenly behind her he snatched the pin and bolted. But he had met his match, for the girl, who possessed no "lily feet," sprinted after him, and calching him handed him over to a policeman, with the hair-pin in his hand. Placed before Mr. F. A

Total,.....\$16,125,808.

IT seems that the China Inland Vission has decided that its members should discontinue wearing Chinese clothes and queues. For many years it has been argued by a considerable number of thoughtful observers, that the native "disguise" did more harm than good, because its use was misinterpreted by the majority of the populace. While a few could understand the idea, most of them were firmly convinced that the foreigners were masquerading under false pretences, and so on. Even at best, the Chinese did not respect or esteem the Chinese clothed missionary more than the one who appeared plainly as his natural self. The C. I. Mission is therefore to be congratulated on the change, -The China Times,

AT the Marine Court on Friday, before the Hon, Captain L. A. W., Barnes-Lawrence the Talchu..... master of a licensed junk, S. 215 H., was charged by Sorzeant Boole, of the Water Police, with unlawfully disobeying the orders of the Percacoreasis Harbour Master on the 8th inst. The prosecutive Weihaiwei ... 9 a.m 3 15 35 tor said he was in a steam pinnace yesterday Gittlaff 3012 57 87 8 5 cm keeping clear the course for the V. R. C. races when the defendant deliberately crossed the course at the commencement of a race, Her fendant had been warned by other police officers not to cross the course, but he ignored the police warnings. Defendant said he was. on his way to Sham-shui-po, and although he saw the flags flying, he did not know their meaning. He was fined \$2.

IN July last a Chinese fisherman, when plying his calling at Yaumati, found in his not when he hauled it up a conical shaped "piece of iron." It was a live shell, but he did not know. it! He carried it to his house and kept it as a curious monster of the deep, and there it re-British prestige in China, These are the ap- mained until last Tuesday when he took it into his head to find out what was inside. According ingly, in order to break it open, he hanged pany; the transfer of the Shanghai Docks to a. it on a stone several times, until at last it.

British group of financiers; and the transfer of exploded. In bursting it carried away the unfortunate man's hand, and inflicted other WE are informed from Peking that the Board | China Corporation, which last far outshirps the injuries about his body. He was brought over to Hongkongand taken to the Lievernment Civil succumbed to his injuries on Friday, the body not be postponed, and the work is to be pro- in Shanghal owned by Messrs, Farnham Boyd being handed over to bis relatives for the funeral obsequies.

inquirles made on Tuestlay, it was learned March last, after being wiecked in the men-of-

ON Sunday afternoon, about four o'clock, the FROM the Peking and Timisin Times we salt junk Illing Shing, Llying at Yaumati learn that Iwo French time expired soldiers was about to proceed to sea, and had her an- have arrived in Tientsin with the object of chor up, when one of the fokis on board, in I cuting cortain buried, treasure which was hauling up the sail, was suddenly caught by the hidden during the troubles of 1900. They sail as it bellied out in the wind, and knocked state that the treasure was buried by American over board. He immediately sank, and was not soldiers. Having obtained permission from seen again. His body has not been recovered the French authorities they commenced dig. ging some days ago near to the premises occupied by the International Bicycle Co. They are digging about four feet deep and have worked a good way down the road now, till the present the amount of their find is the water main pine and some foundation bricks of time-expired houses.

> AT the usual weekly dance of the dock employees and their friends, held at the Kowloon dacks on Saturday night, Mr. R. Mitchell, acting superintendent of the dock, presented Mr. Newman Mumford's prize in the billiard tournament, the winner being Mr. E. Herton who defeated Mr. W. Crawford (owes to) in the final by 200 to 85. Mr. G. Humphreys took third prize from Mr. J. Parkes (owes 75) by 200 to 175 In making the presentation Mr. Mitchell mentioned incidentally that Messrs. Bailey and Murphy had kindly come forward with an offer of a further prize; and hoped that the firm would, in their generosity not forget the ladies. Mr. W. Stewart thanked Mr. Mitchell for making the presentation and hoped the time was not far distant when their acting superintendent would come forward with a prize.

IT will be remembered that about a year ago there was a landslip at Nanking. A similar landship has occurred with the subsidence of the floods this year, a small piece of land to the extent of twenty feet by fifteen subsided on the 30th of last month. The land which has subsided has been the result of silt accretions on the site which Messrs. Butterfield and wire's godowns originally stood and were swept away during summer floods of 1903. These floods, which occur annually, bring about a subsidence of the land each year and are likely to bring about a reduction in the price of land in the neighbourhood of Nanking, as it is expected that there may be other landslips in this vicinity. This shows the natural astuteness of the Chinese in huilding the Southern capital on the only solid site in the vicinity, says the Shangh it Times.

AT the Civil Summary Court on Monday before Mr. T. Sercombe Smith (Puisne Judge), the Hongkoog Buichery Co. Itd. sued H. Howarth, storekeeper of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Arsenal Street, for the recovery of \$ 1.45 for meat sold and delivered during the months of October and November. 1903. Mr. E. J. Grist appealed for the claintiffe and Sir J. Hays desended. clerk in the Burchery Company was called and spo'e to supplying defendant at his request with a pass book on which goods were supplied. The boy always came with the book signed hy defendant i shortly afterwards defendant ceased to deal with the Company Subsequently the boy applied for another pain book which was issued and further goods were supplied the sun now actually owing being

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